

# MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE FOR SUSTAINABLE GROUND WATER

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# OBJECTIVES

- To enable Office Trainees to understand the concept and scope of managed aquifer recharge and practice it in the field.



# RECHARGE

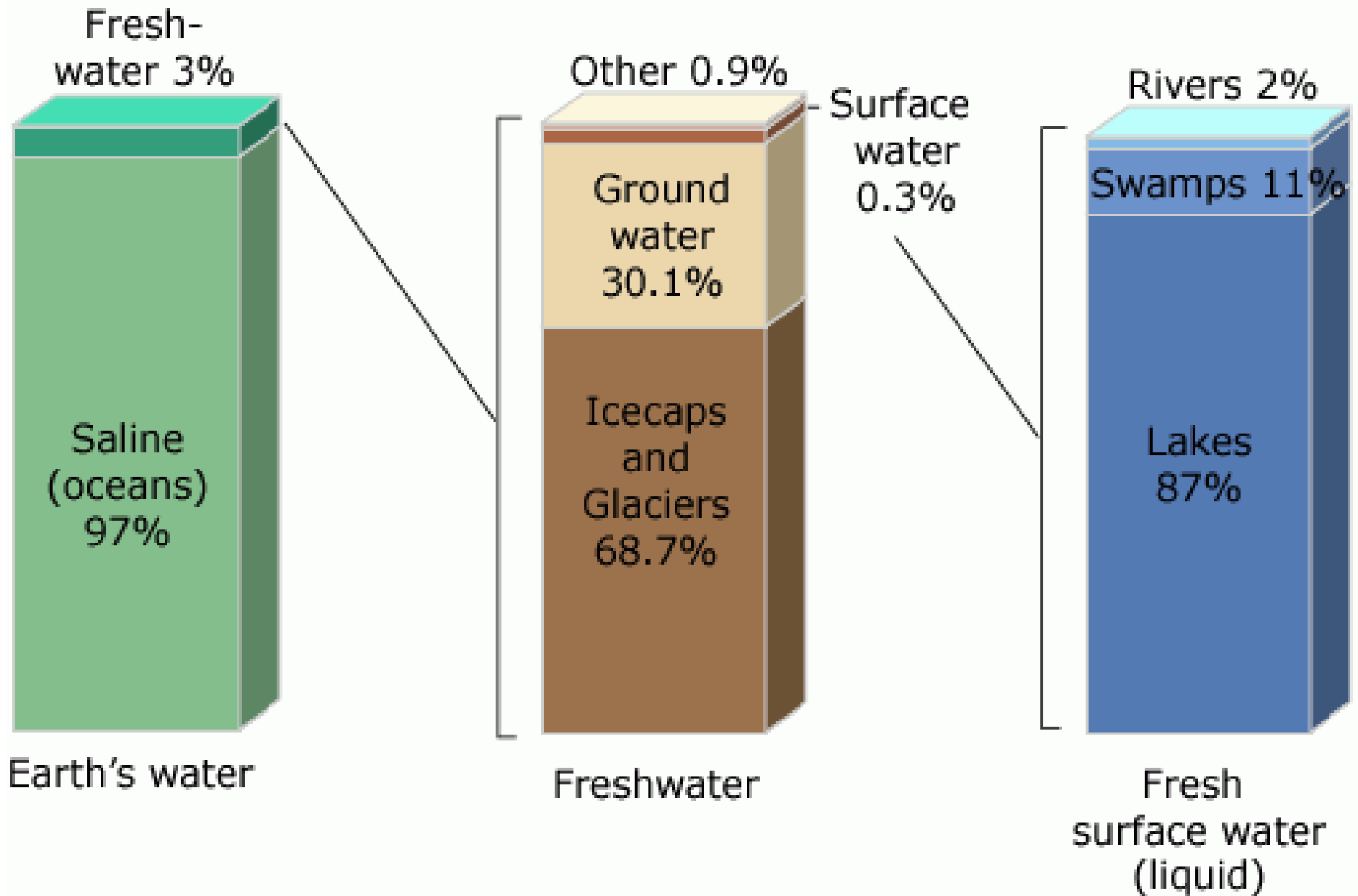
The processes by which ground water is absorbed into the zone of saturation.

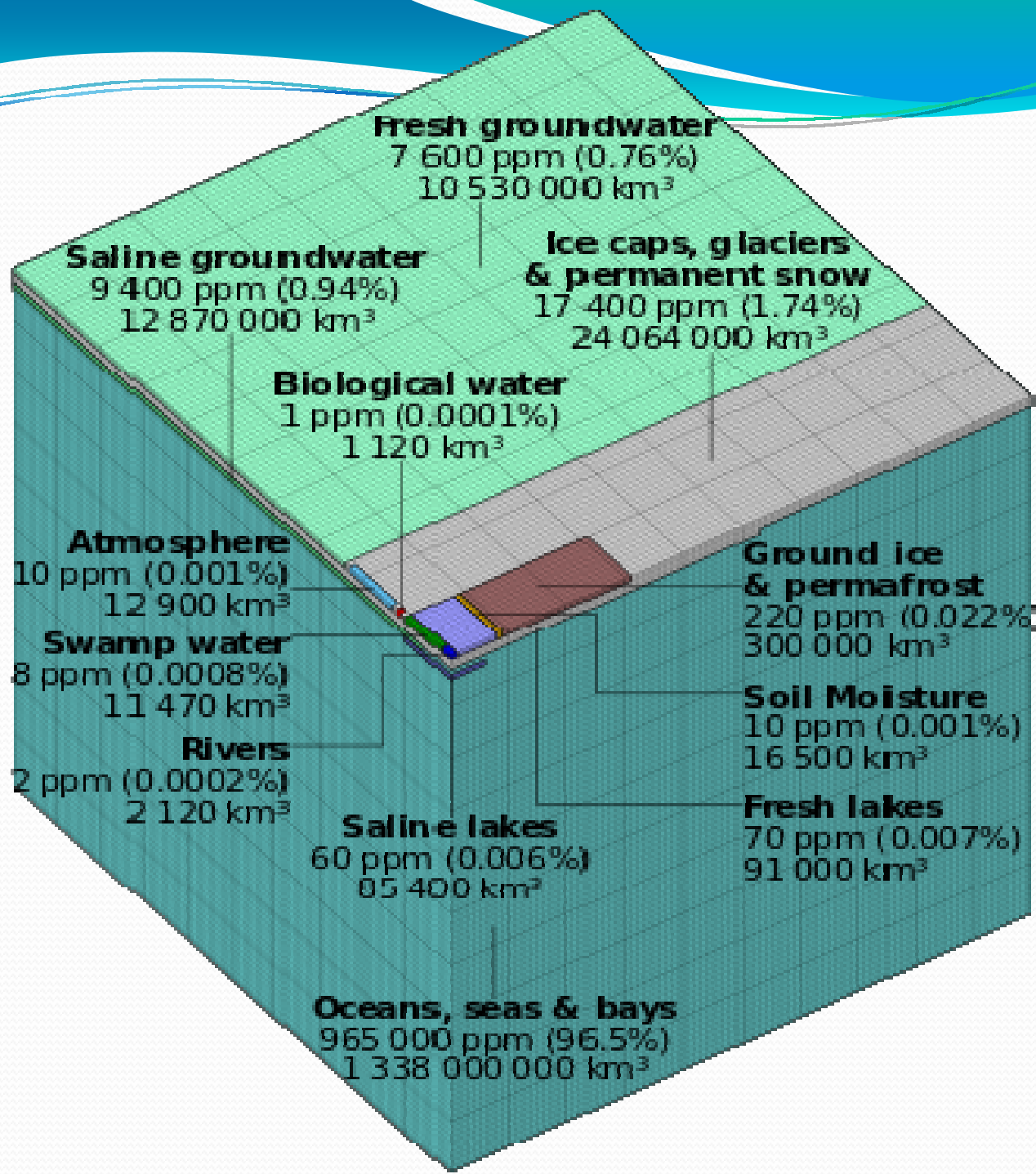


# SUSTAINABLE

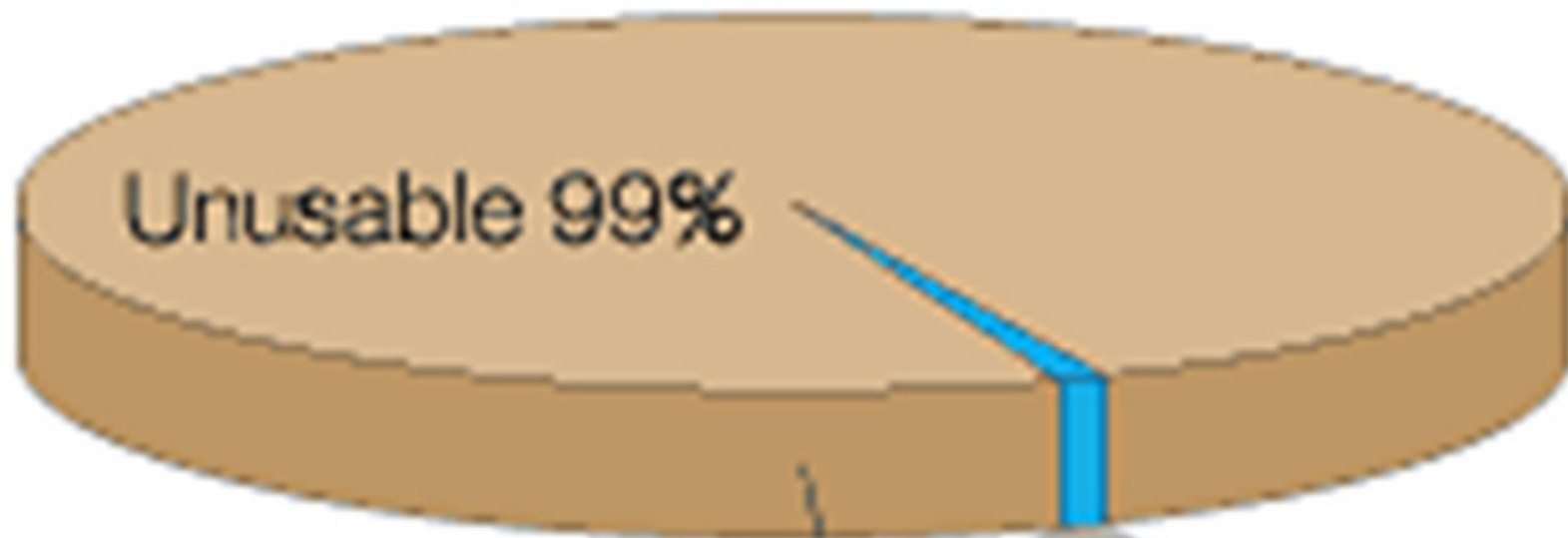
- Capable of being continued with minimal long-term effect on the environment.
  - sustainable ground water
  - sustainable agriculture.

# Distribution of Earth's Water

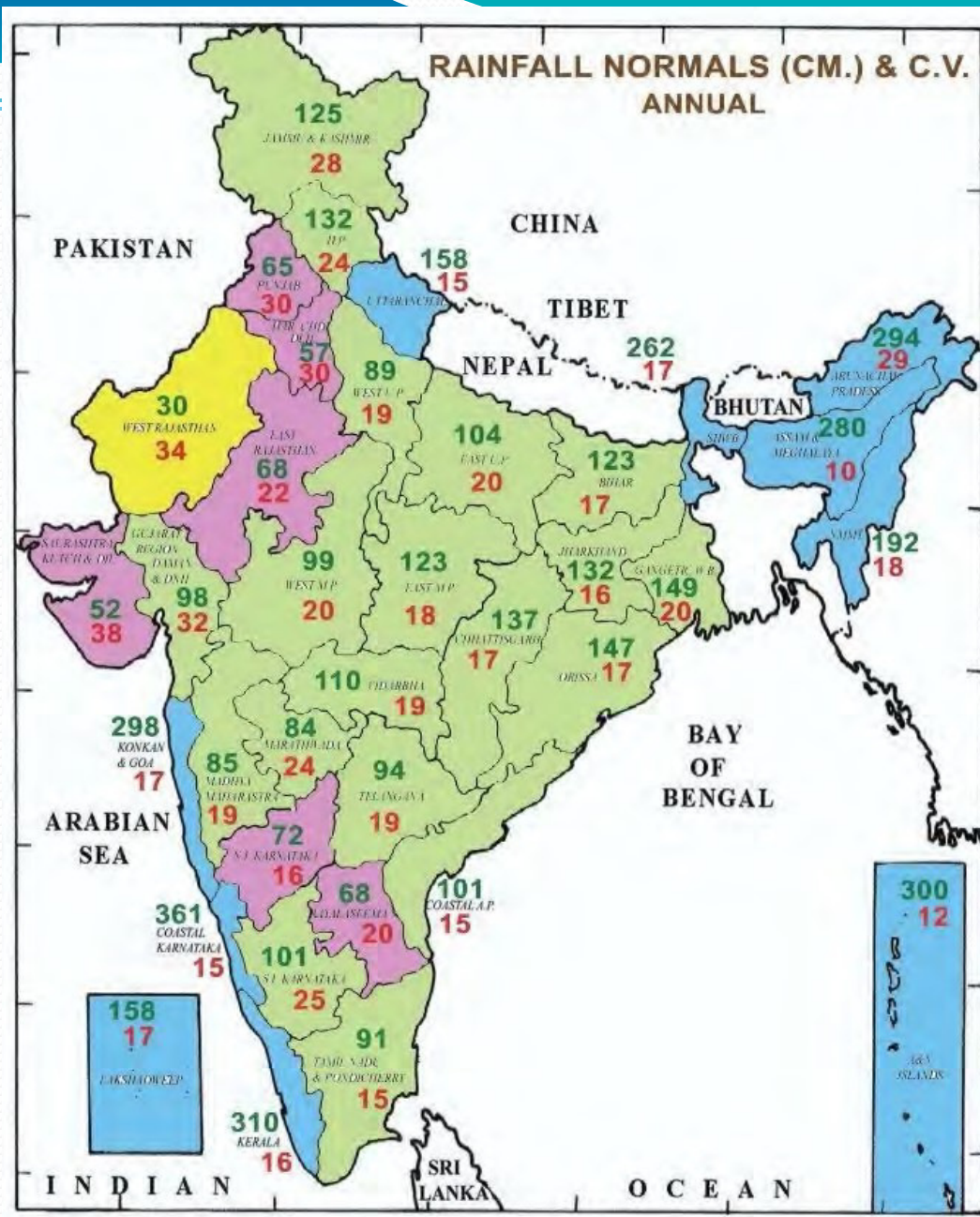




# All water on Earth



Water usable by humans 1%



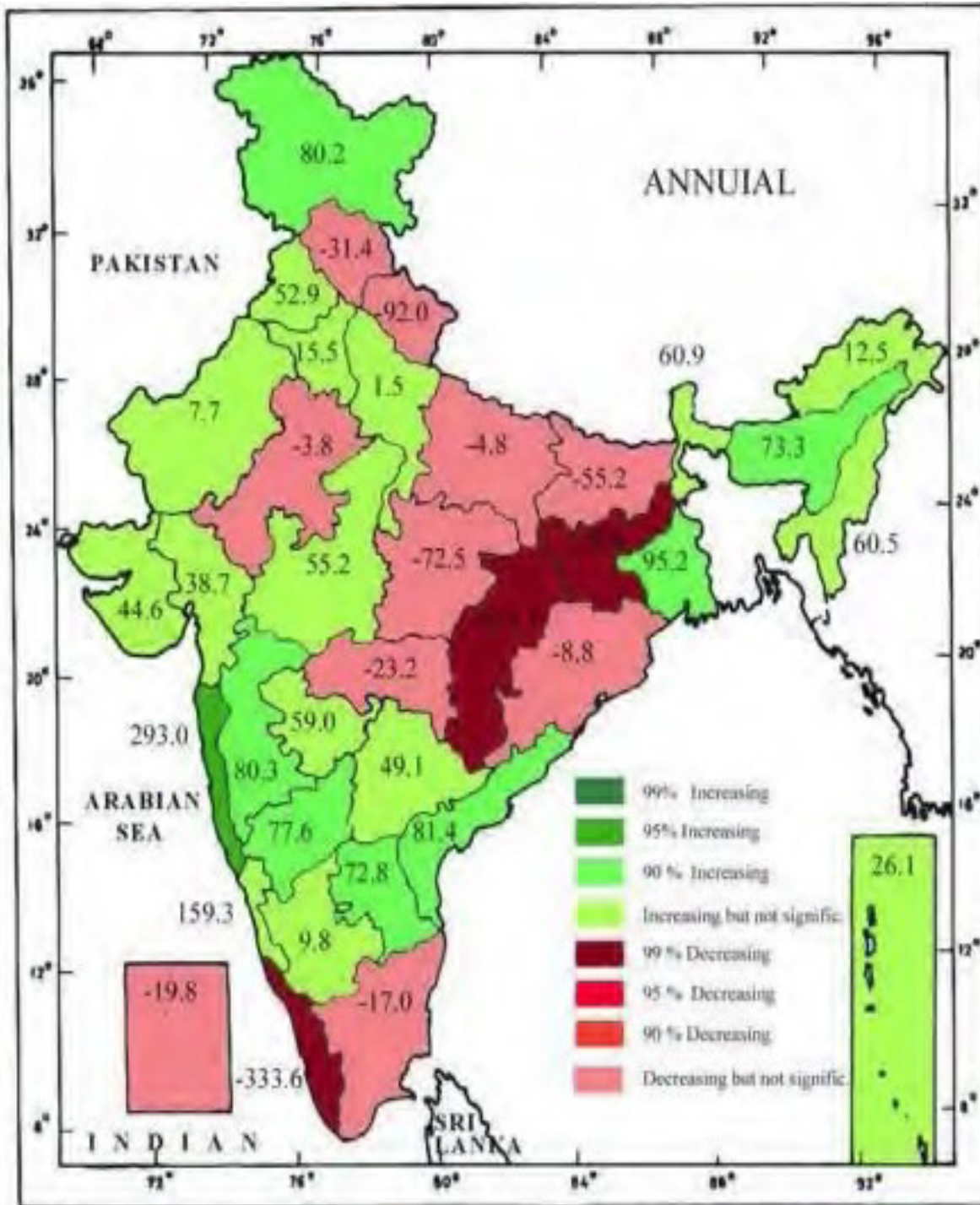
**LEGEND :**

<span style="color: green;">■</span> NORMAL R/F	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Rainfall Normals $\geq 150$ Cm.	<span style="color: purple;">■</span> $\geq 40$ & $< 75$ Cm.
<span style="color: red;">■</span> C.V.	<span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> $\geq 75$ & $< 150$ cm.	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> $< 40$ Cm.

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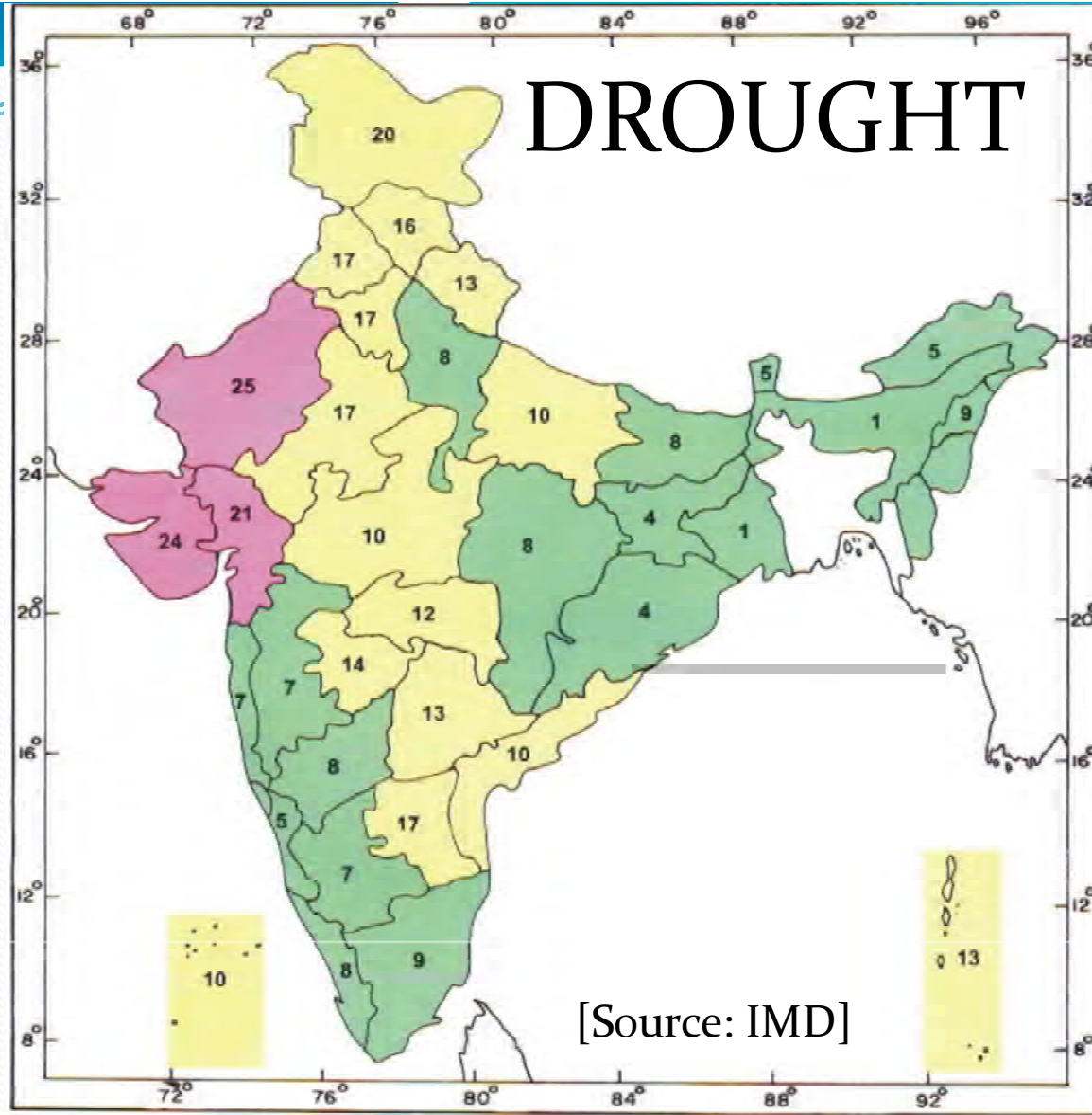
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- CRONICALLY DROUGHT PRONE AREA  
(PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE OF DROUGHT MORE THAN 20%)
- FREQUENTLY DROUGHT PRONE AREA  
(PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE OF DROUGHT 10% TO 20%)
- LEAST DROUGHT PRONE AREA  
(PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE OF DROUGHT LESS THAN 10%)

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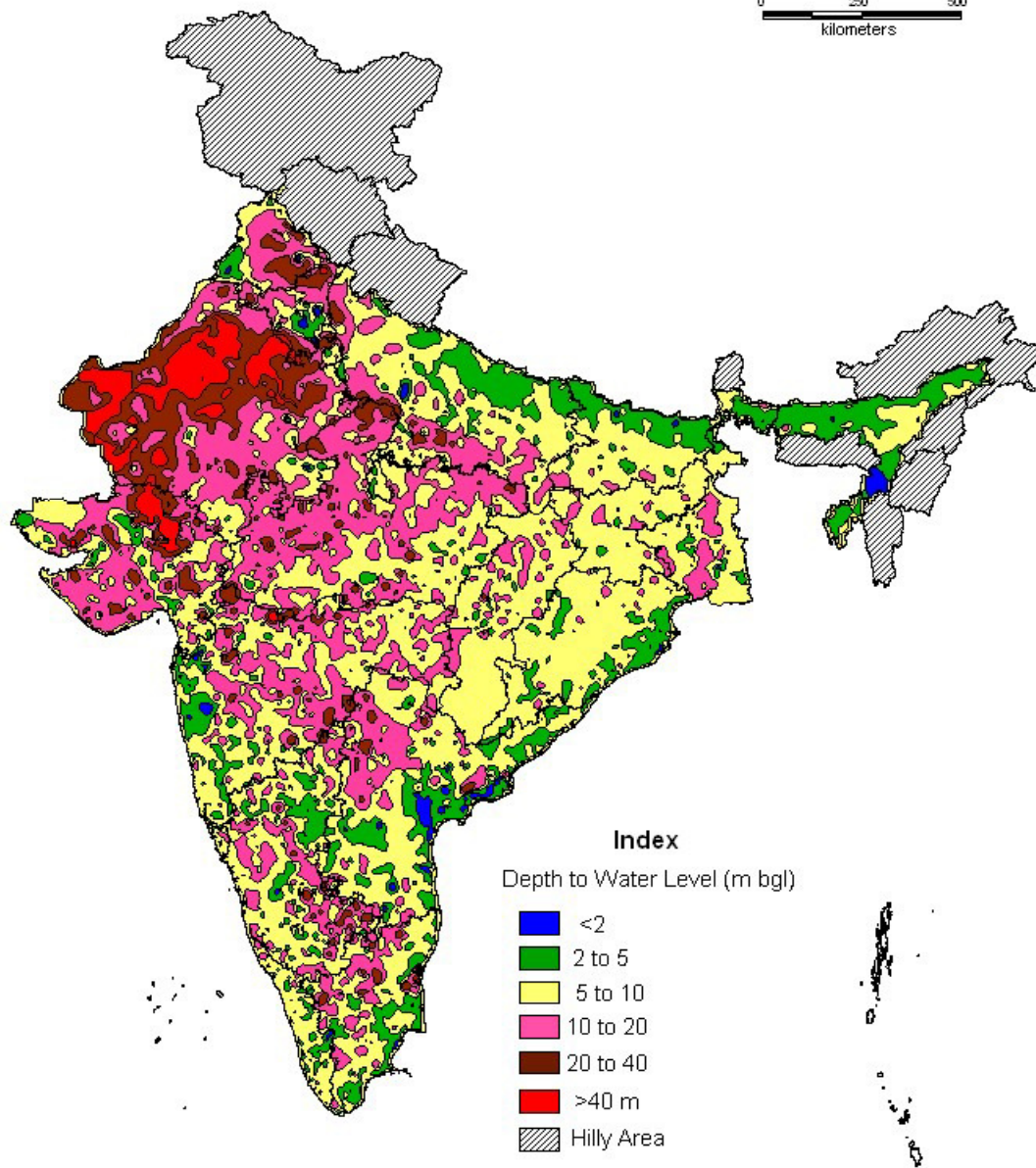
# INDIA'S WATER RESOURCES

- Total Precipitation: 4000 BCM
- Total Surface Water: 1869 BCM
- Total Utilizable : 1121 BCM
  - Surface Water - 690 BCM
  - Ground Water - 431 BCM (38.45%)

# Depth to Water Level Map (May - 2010)



0 250 500  
kilometers

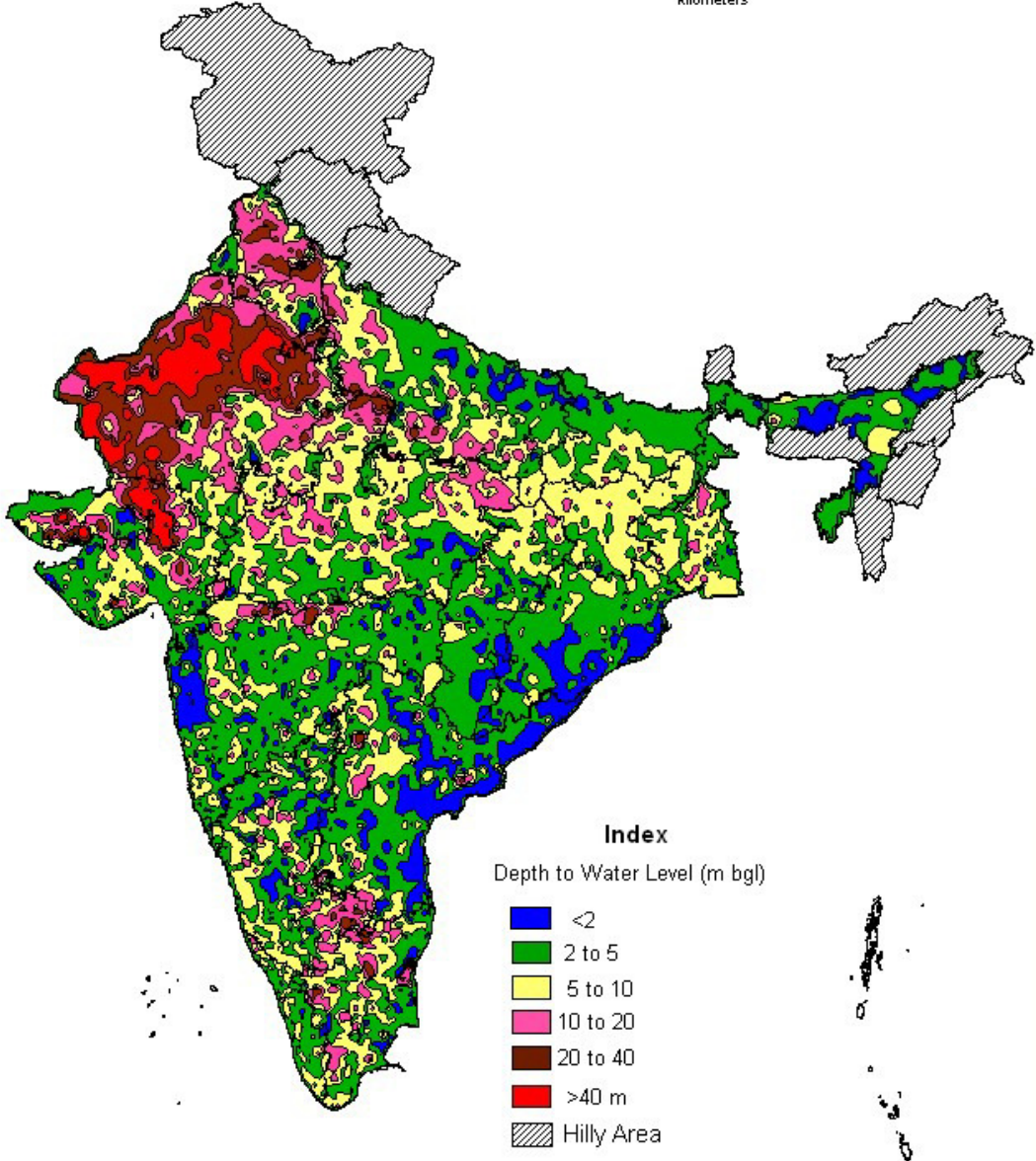


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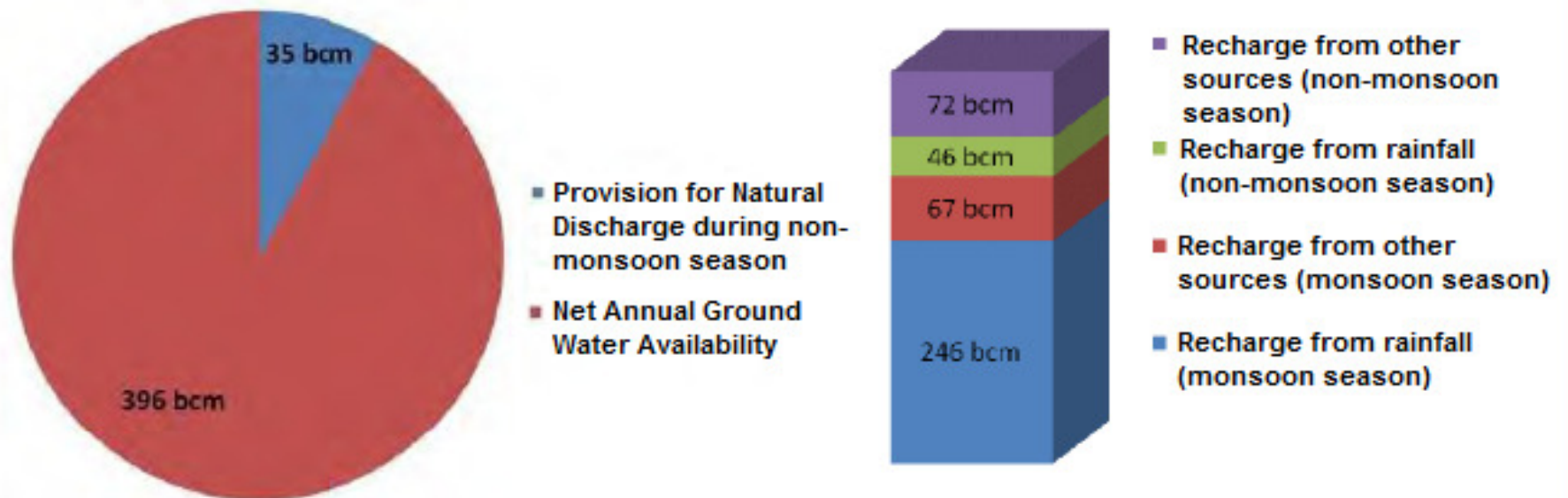
Depth to Water Level (m bgl)

- <2
- 2 to 5
- 5 to 10
- 10 to 20
- 20 to 40
- >40 m
- Hilly Area

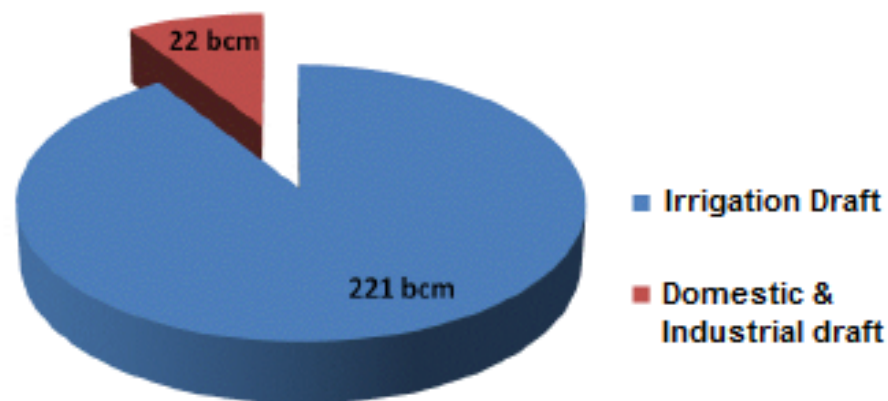
# Depth to Water Level Map (November - 2010)



# Ground Water Resources of India (CGWB)



**Annual Replenishable Ground Water Resources (431 bcm)**



**Annual Ground Water Draft (243 bcm)**

# STAGES OF GW DEVELOPMENT

YEAR	% DEVELOPMENT
1991	32
1998	37
2004	58
2009	61
2011	62

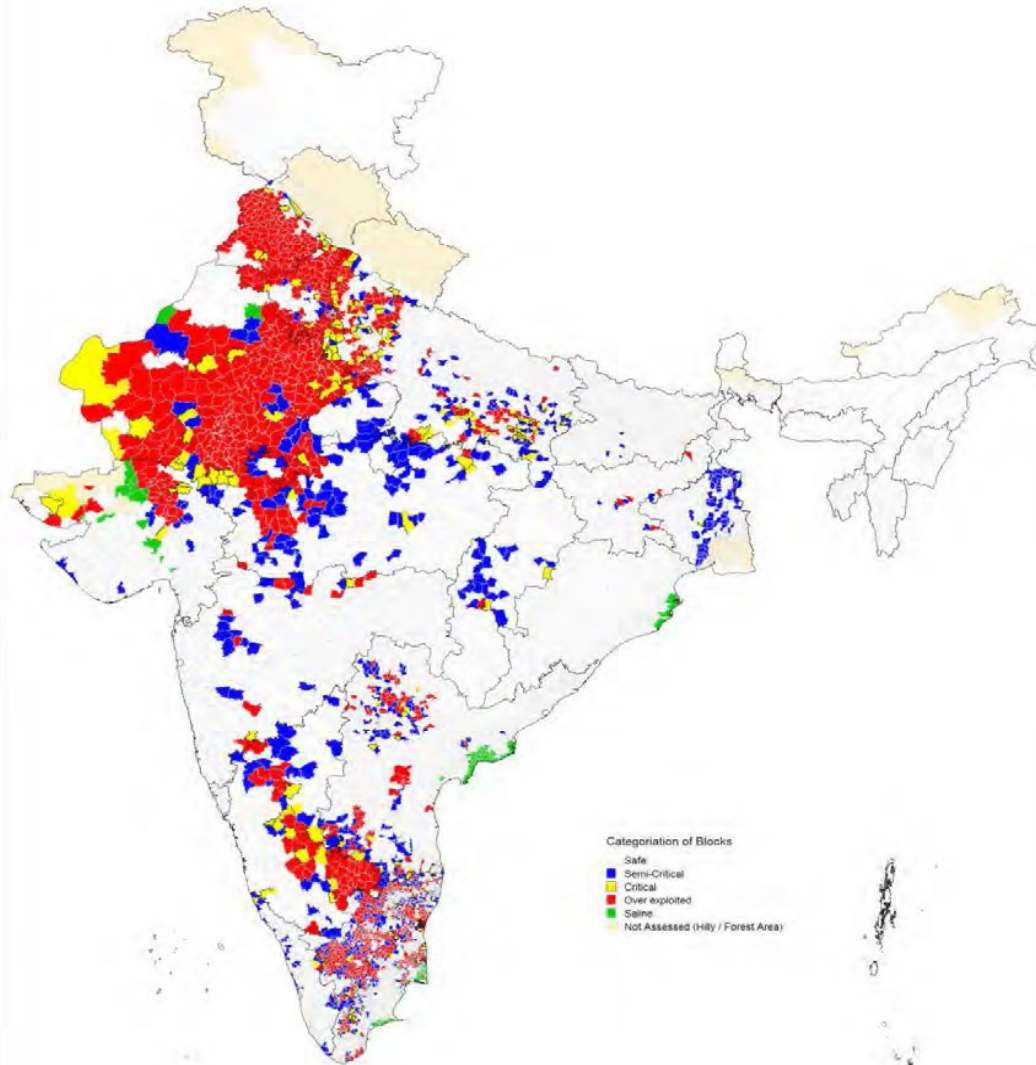
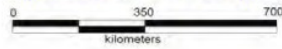
➤ Out of 5845 assessment units, 1071 units are overexploited.

# GROUND WATER CONTRIBUTION

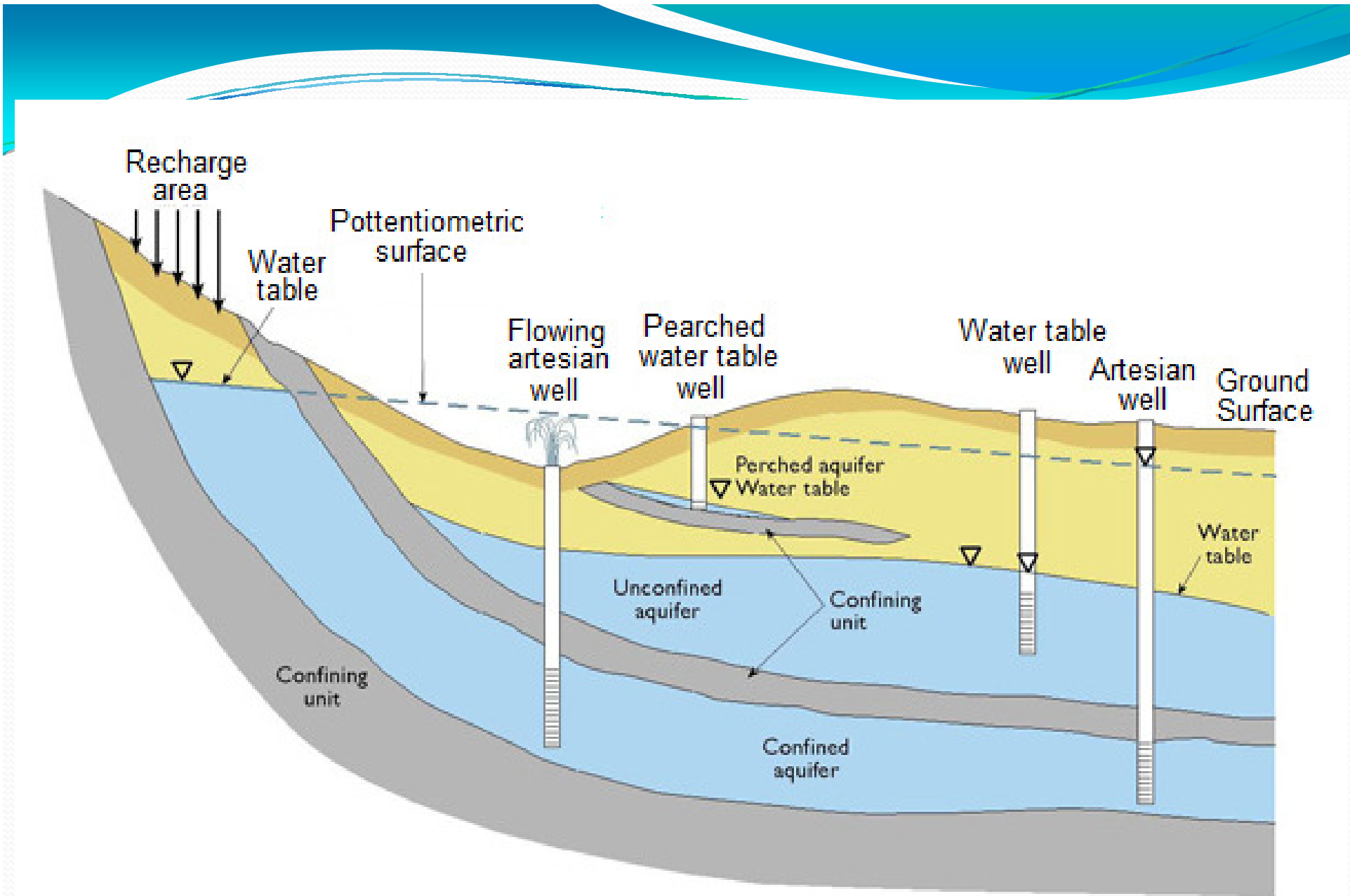
- 80% - Rural domestic water supply
- 50% - Urban & Industrial water supply
- 62% - Irrigation water supply
  - 29% (1951)
  - 38% (1971)
  - 51% (1991)
  - 62% (2003): an increase of 5 times in area irrigated since 1951 (39 Million Ha).  
(China 19 M ha, USA 17 M ha)



# CATEGORISATION OF BLOCKS (AS ON 31-03-2011)

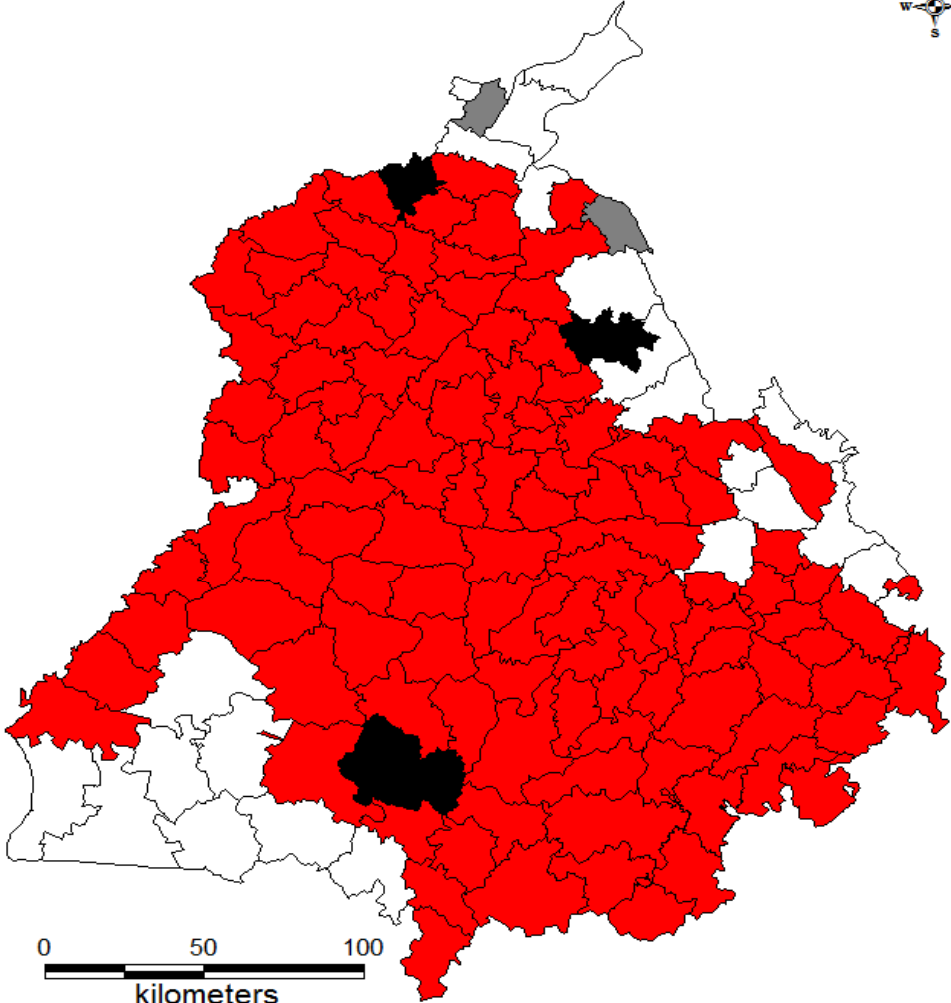


- Categorisation of Blocks
- Safe
  - Semi-Critical
  - Critical
  - Over exploited
  - Saline
  - Not Assessed (Hilly / Forest Area)



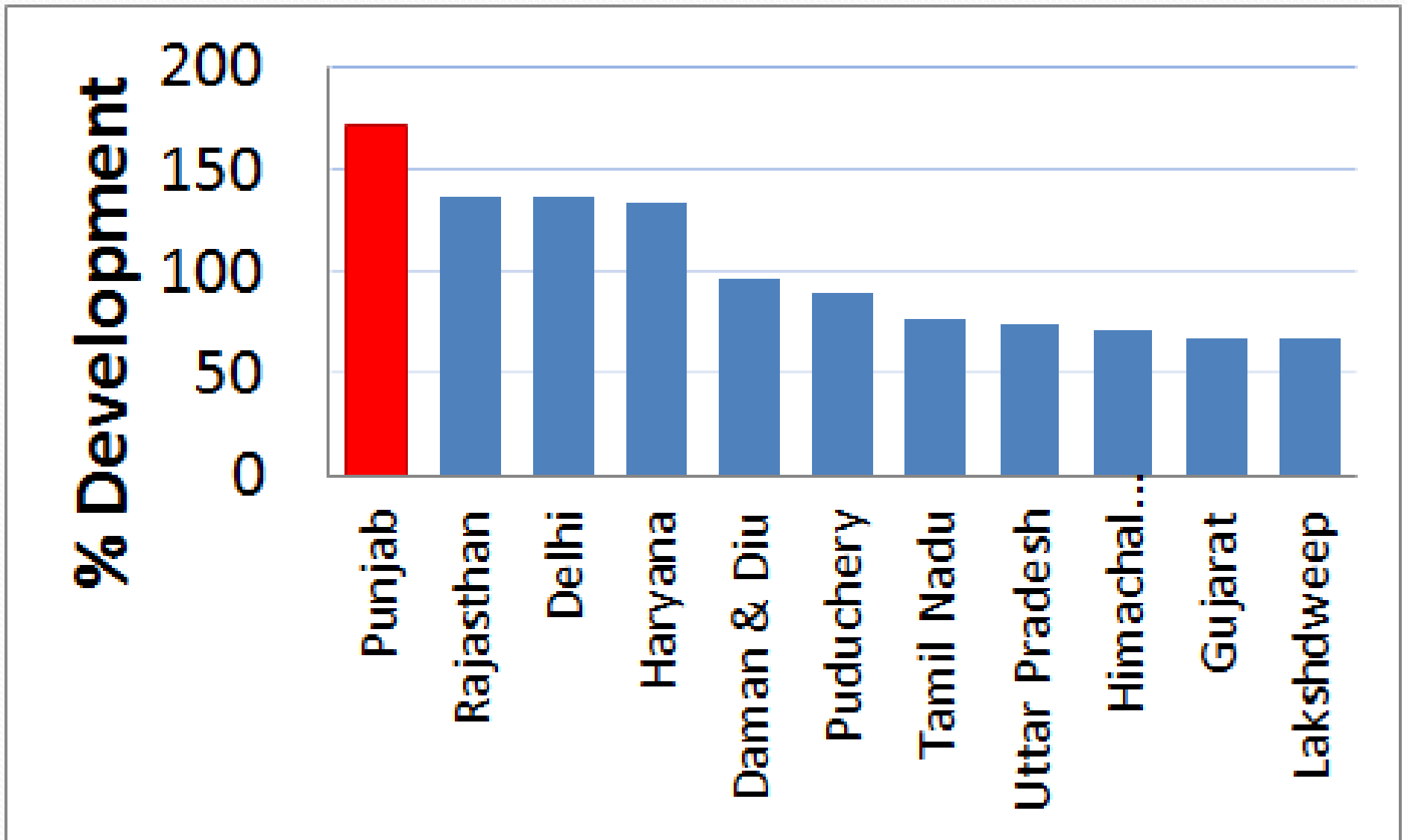
# CATEGORISATION OF GROUND WATER ASSESSMENT UNITS

(AS ON MARCH 2011)

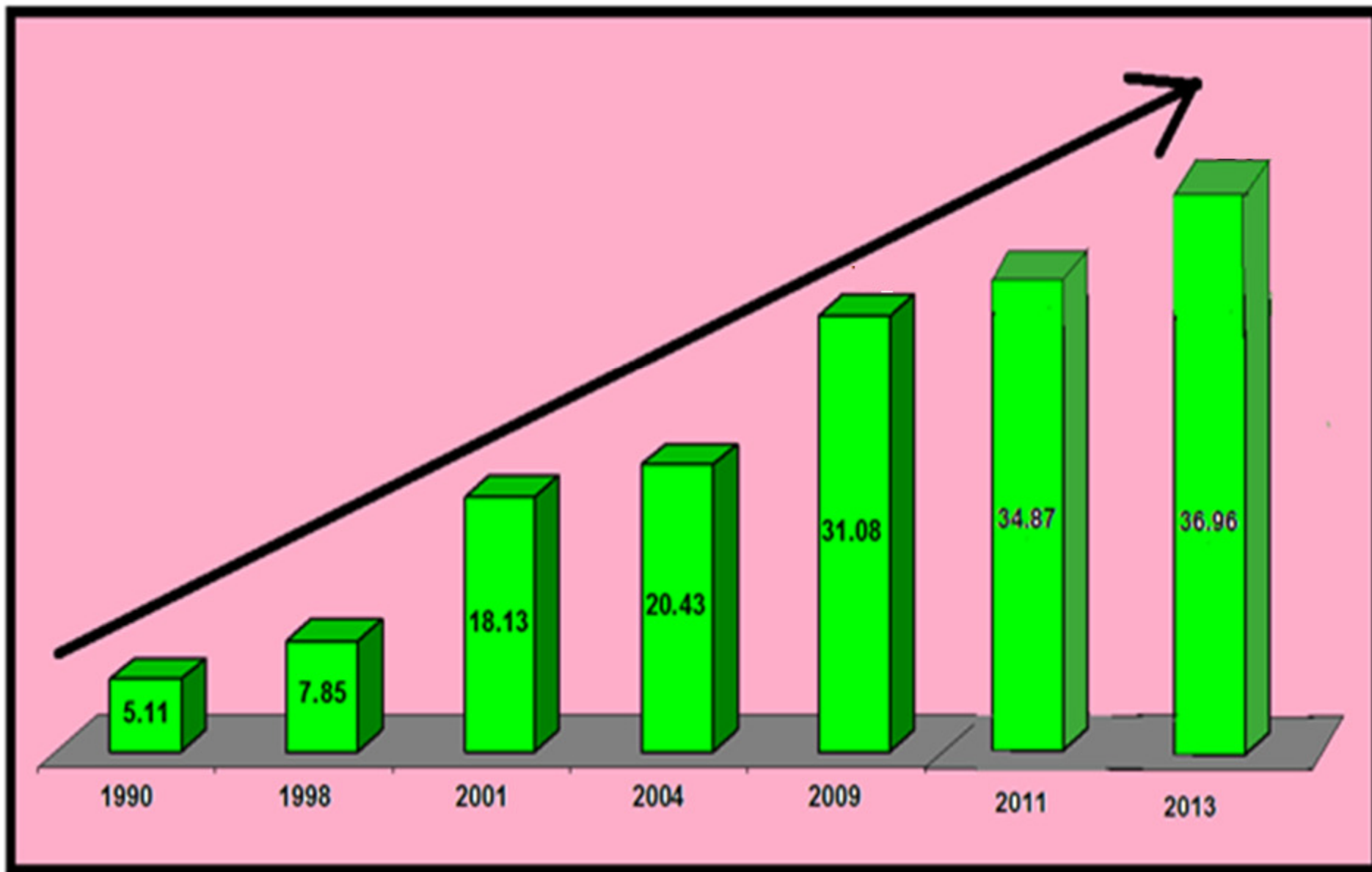


- OVER -EXPLOITED
- CRITICAL
- SEMI-CRITICAL
- SAFE

# STAGE OF GW DEVELOPMENT



# GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT IN CHHATTISGARH as on 2013

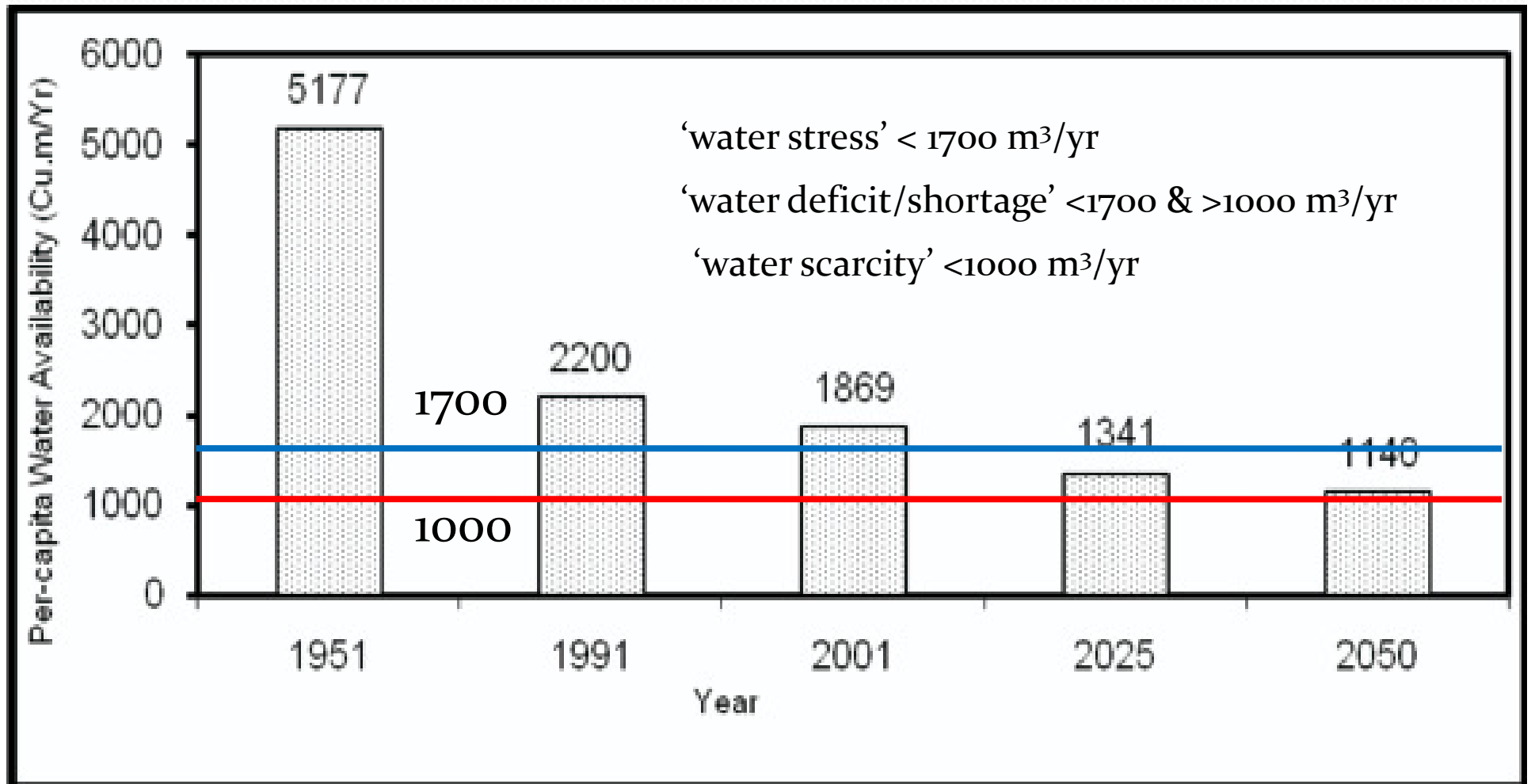


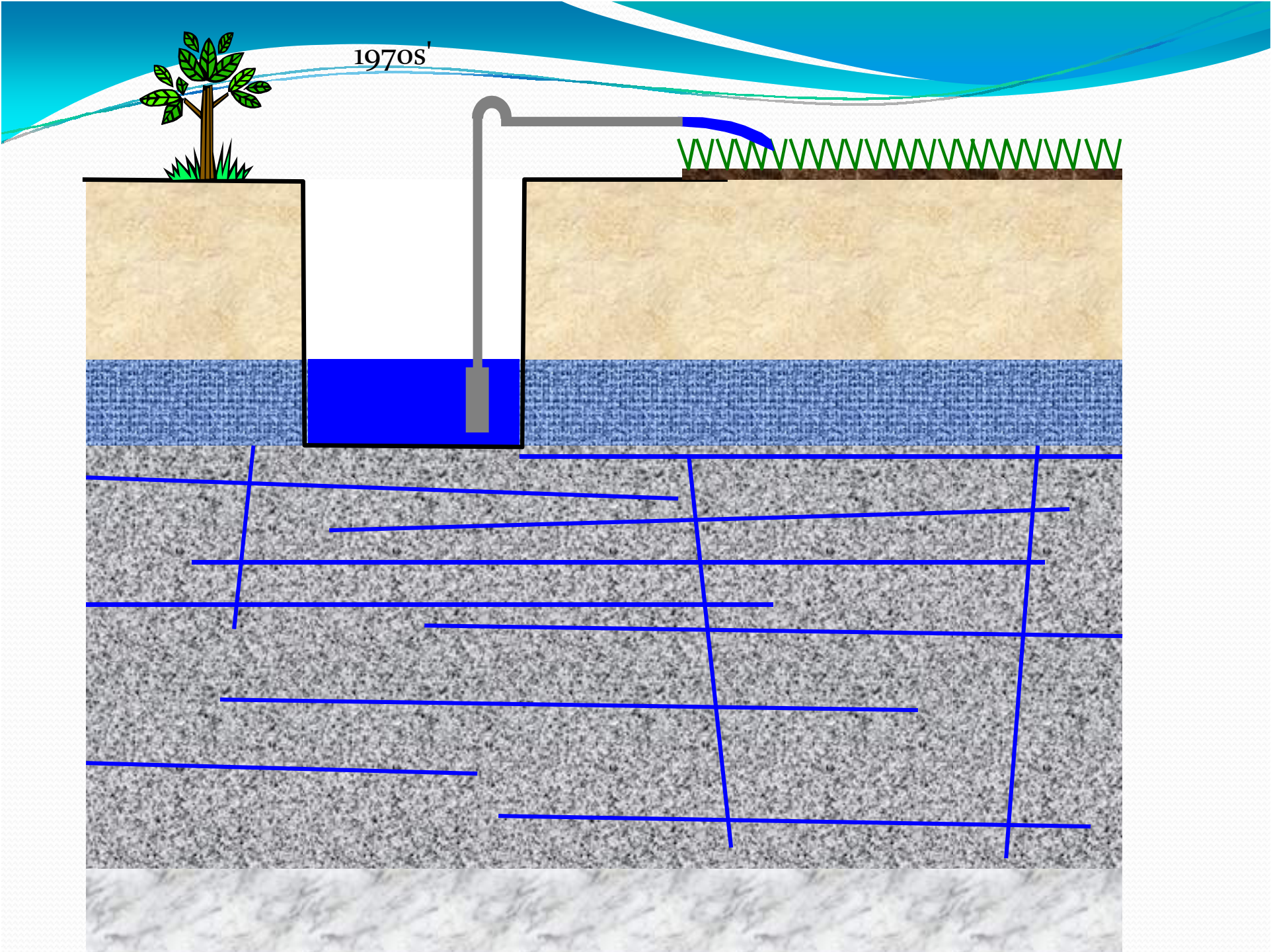


# FALKENMARK WATER STRESS INDICATOR (Falkenmark & Lindh, 1976)

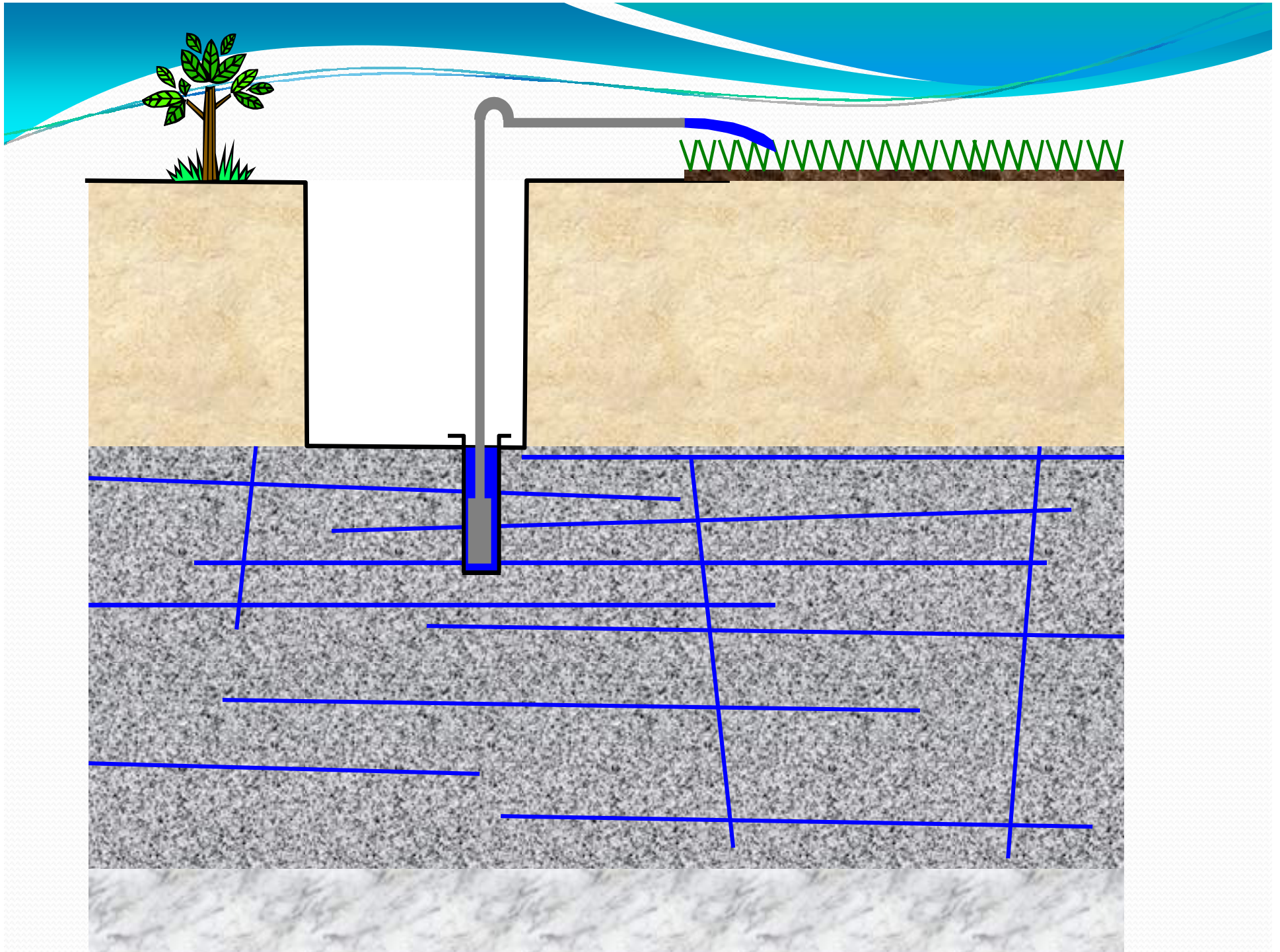
- ‘Water Stress’  $< 1700 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$
- ‘Water Deficit/Shortage’  
 $< 1700 \text{ \& } > 1000 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$
- ‘Water Scarcity’  $< 1000 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$

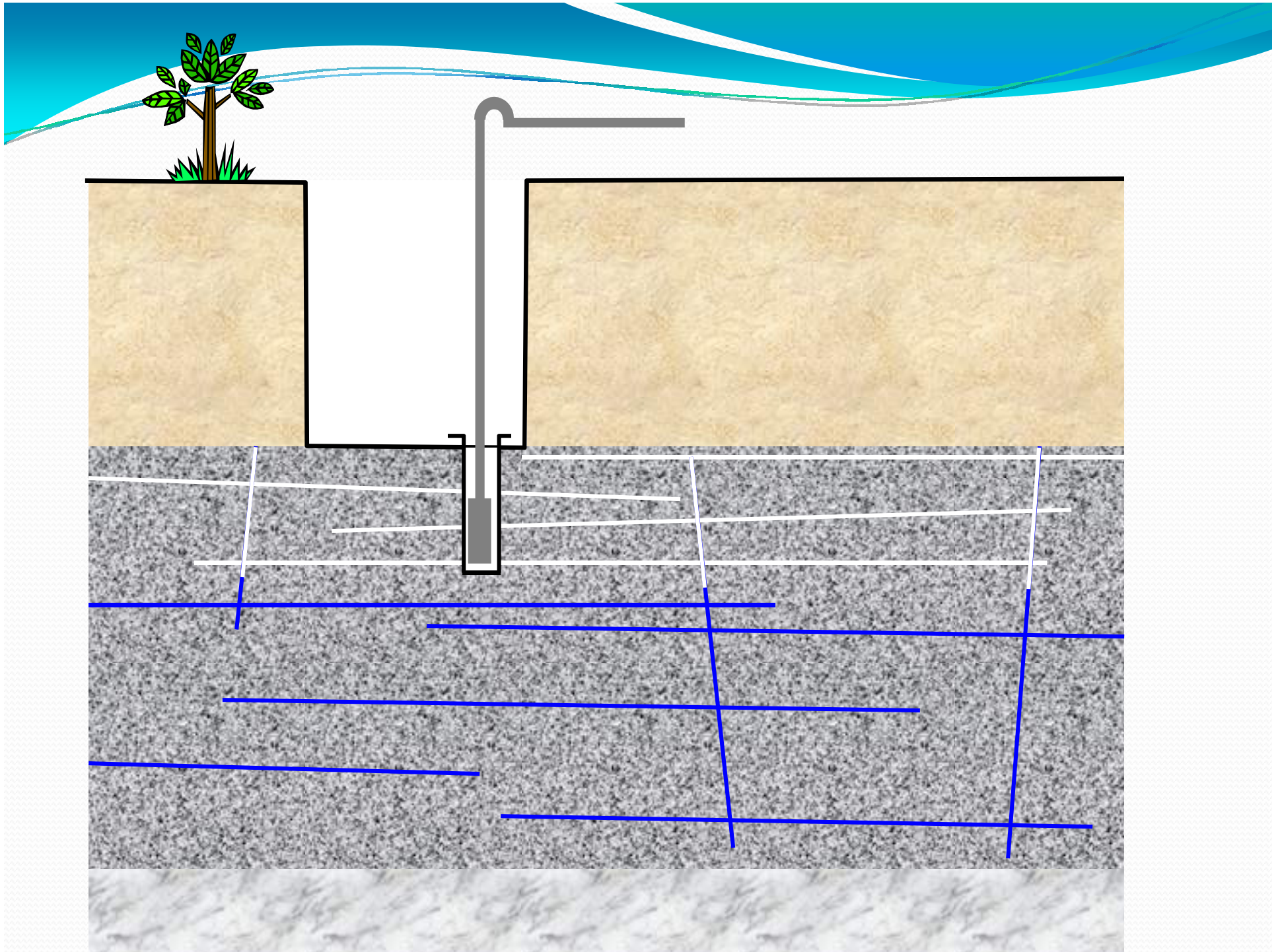
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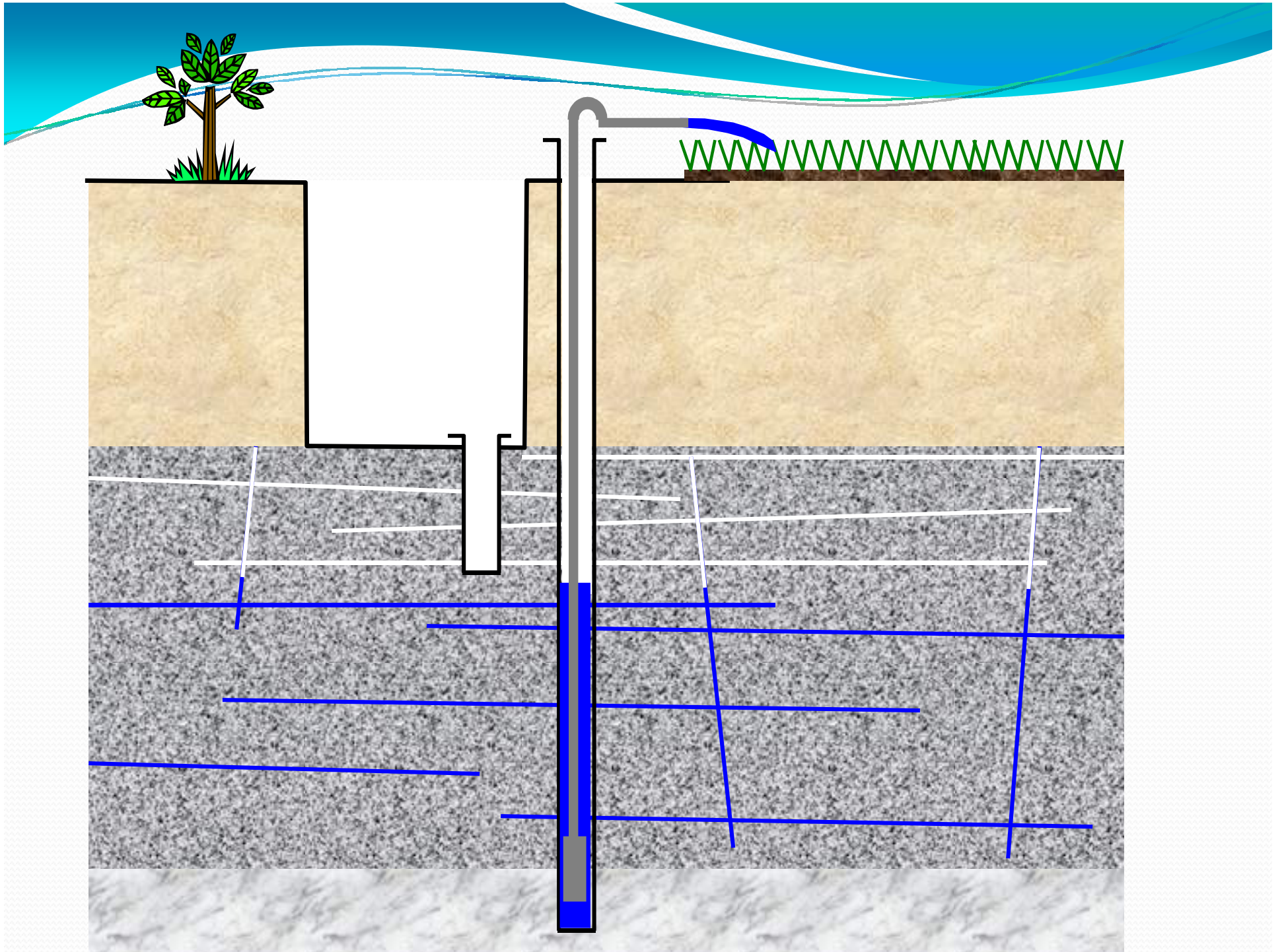


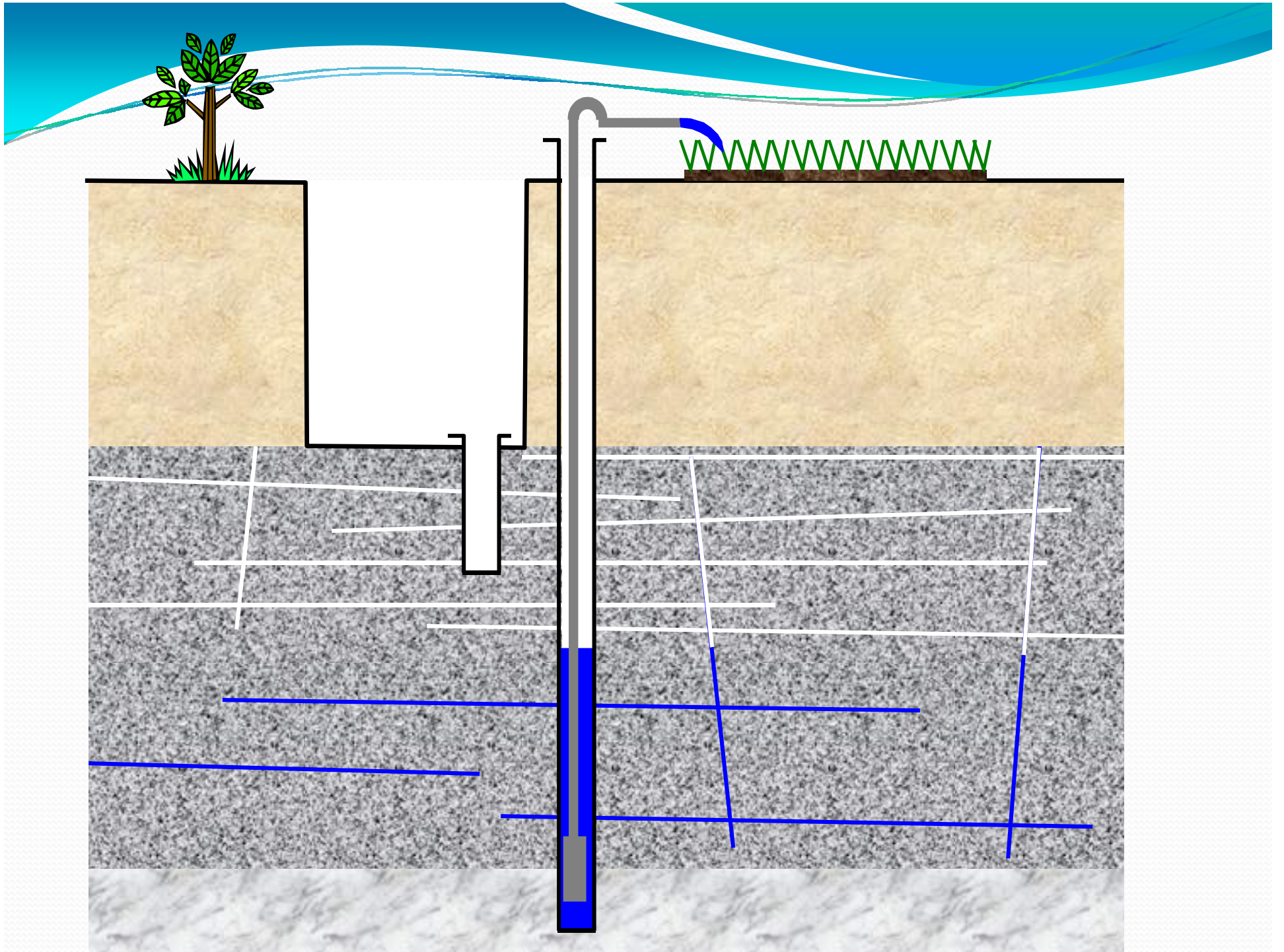


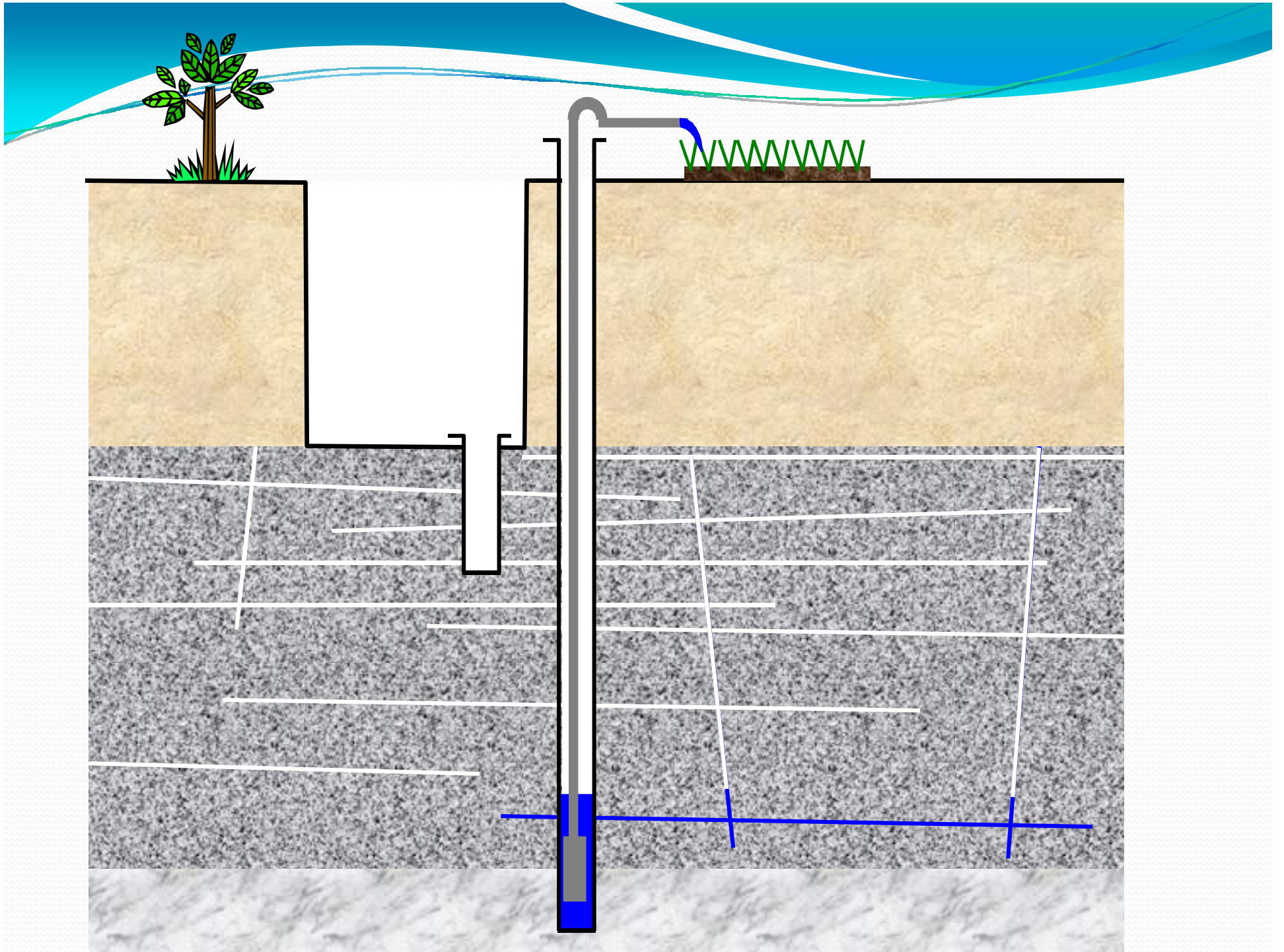






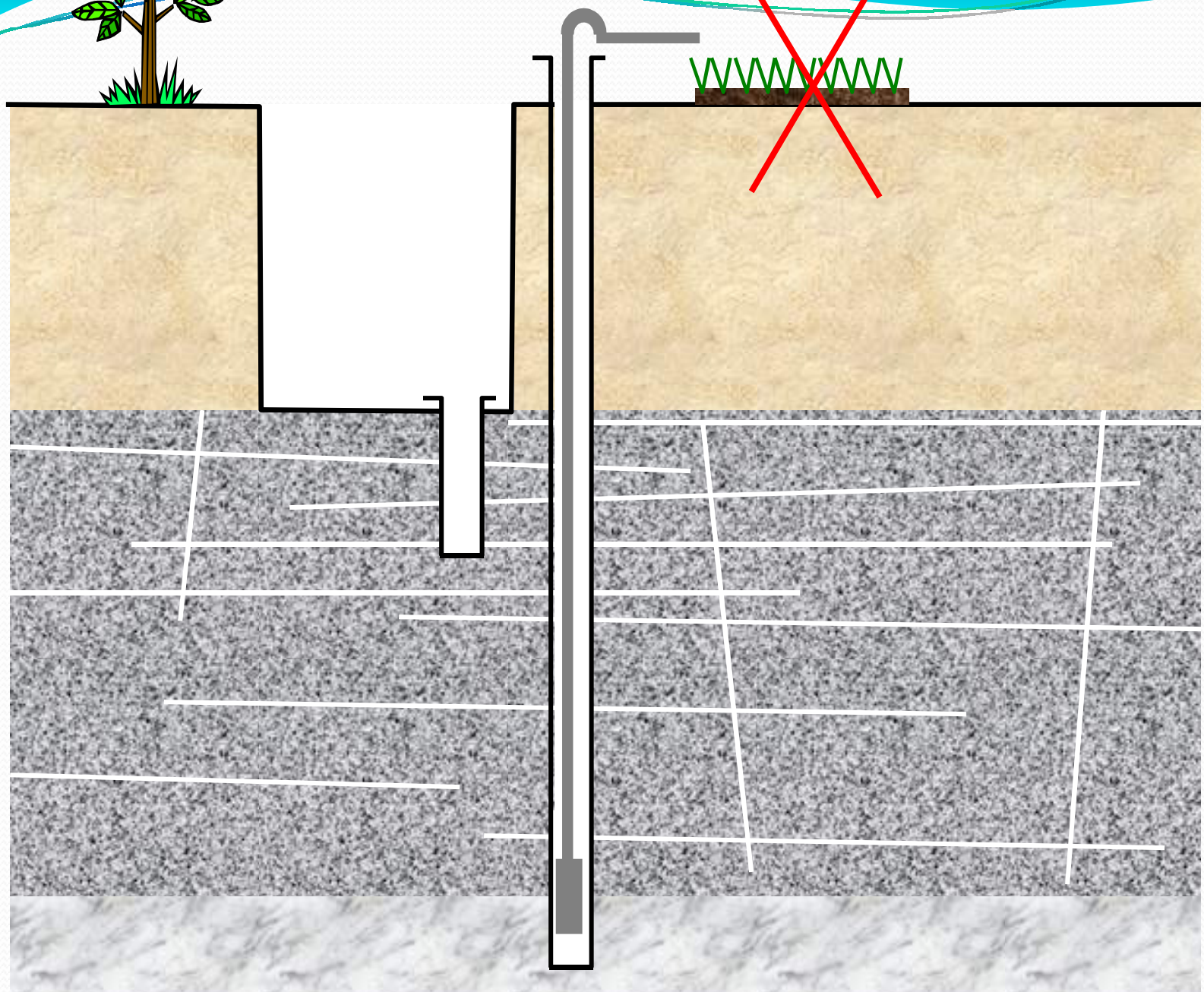






**If no solution....  
...in 2020-2025**

**NO WATER=NO CROPS**





# CHALLENGES TO AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

- Deteriorating natural resource base.
- Declining trends of water levels.
- Over-exploitation of ground water resources.
- Declining trends of water quality.
- Stagnation of yields of principal crops.
- Declining farm income.
- Increasing rural debt.



# WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

- Supply side Management
- Demand side Management





# GW MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

- Ground water resources management
  - **Supply-side management**
    - Managed aquifer recharge (MAR)
  - **Demand-side management**
    - Water use efficiency
    - Regulations
    - Public awareness



# WHAT IS MAR?

Purposeful recharge of water to **aquifers** for subsequent recovery or environmental benefit.

(International Association of Hydrogeologists)



## WHAT IS AN AQUIFER?

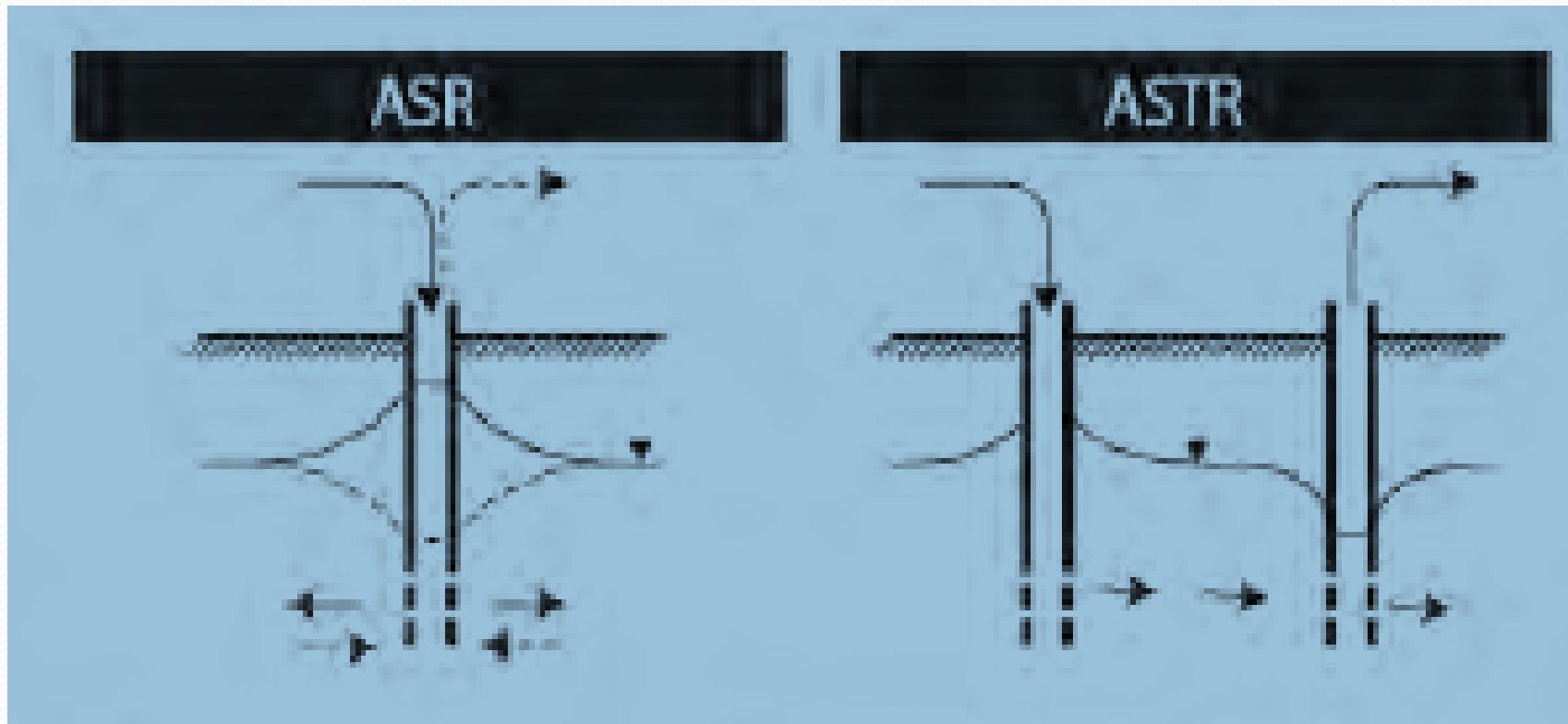
An aquifer is an underground layer of water-bearing permeable rock, rock fractures or unconsolidated materials (gravel, sand, or silt) from which ground water can be extracted sufficiently using a water well.



## OTHER RELEVANT TERMS

- ASR (Aquifer Storage and Recovery).
- ASTR (Aquifer Storage, Transfer and Recovery).

# ASR & ASTR





# HUMAN ACTIVITIES ENHANCING AQUIFER RECHARGE

- Unintentional .
- Unmanaged.
- Managed.



## WHY MAR?

- To secure and enhance water supplies.
- To improve groundwater quality.
- To prevent salt water intrusion.
- To reduce evaporation of stored water.
- To maintain environmental flows and groundwater-dependent ecosystems.

# METHODOLOGY FOR PREPARATION OF MASTER PLAN

- Identification and prioritization of need based areas.
- Estimation of subsurface storage space.
- Quantification of local surplus annual run off.
- Areas of poor chemical quality of ground water and scope of improvement by recharge.
- Working out design of suitable recharge structures, their numbers and type.
- Cost estimates of artificial recharge structures.





## IDENTIFICATION OF FEASIBLE AREAS

- Areas with post-monsoon water level  $>3$  m bgl and declining trend of more than 10 cm/year in plains.
- Post-monsoon water level above 4 to 8 m bgl in undulating/ hilly terrains.
- Areas with deeper pressure head in known principal aquifers.
- Areas having less fresh water lenses in coastal/island aquifers.


# Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Chhattisgarh



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kilometers



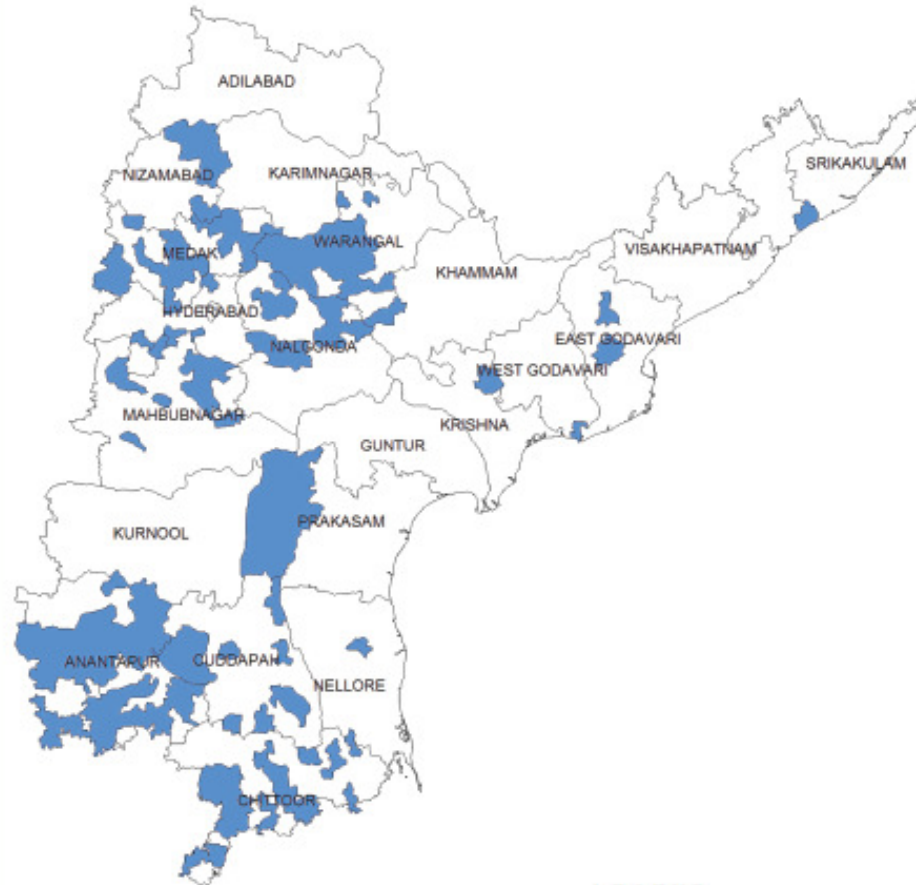
## LEGEND

 Area Suitable for Artificial Recharge


# Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Andhra Pradesh



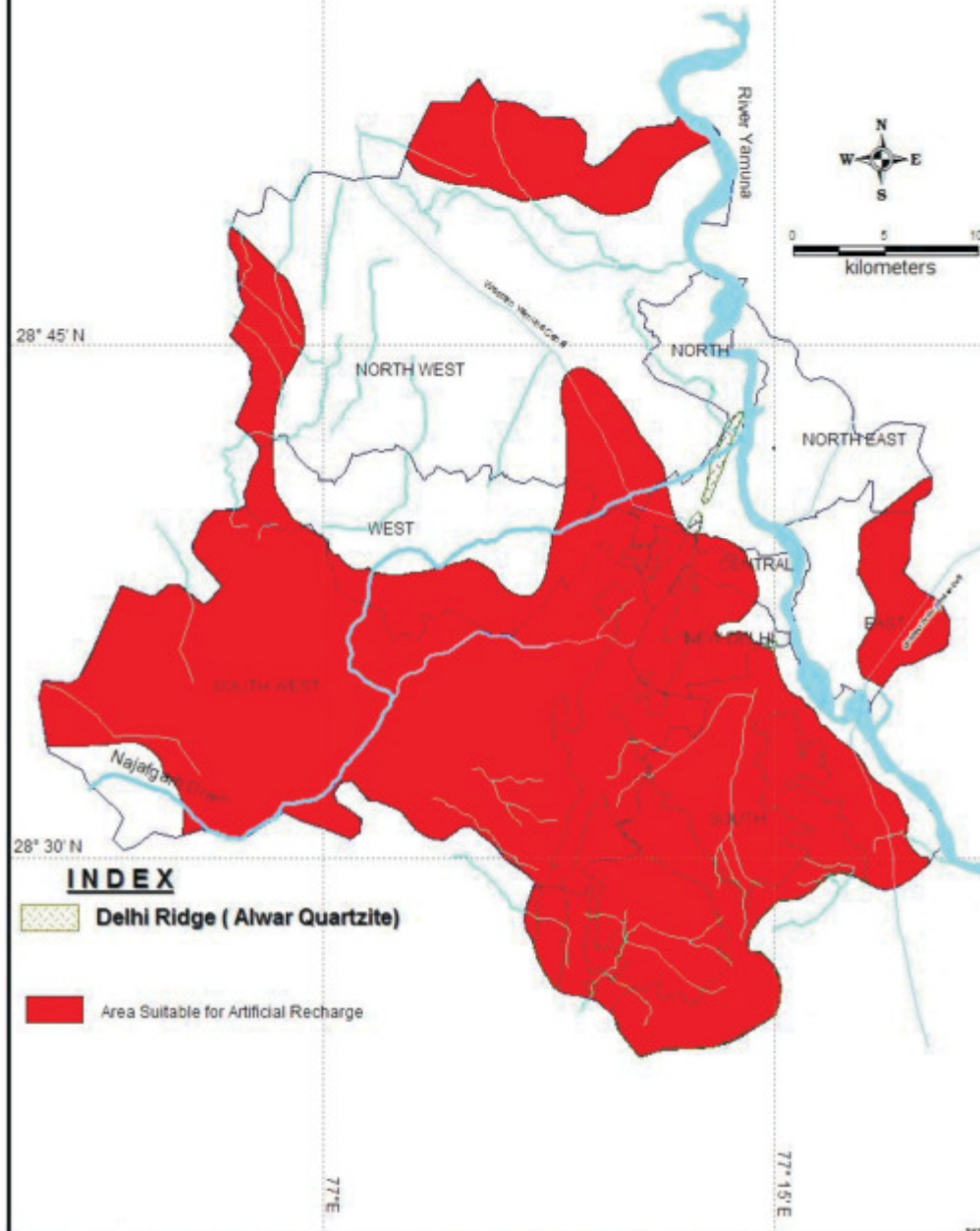
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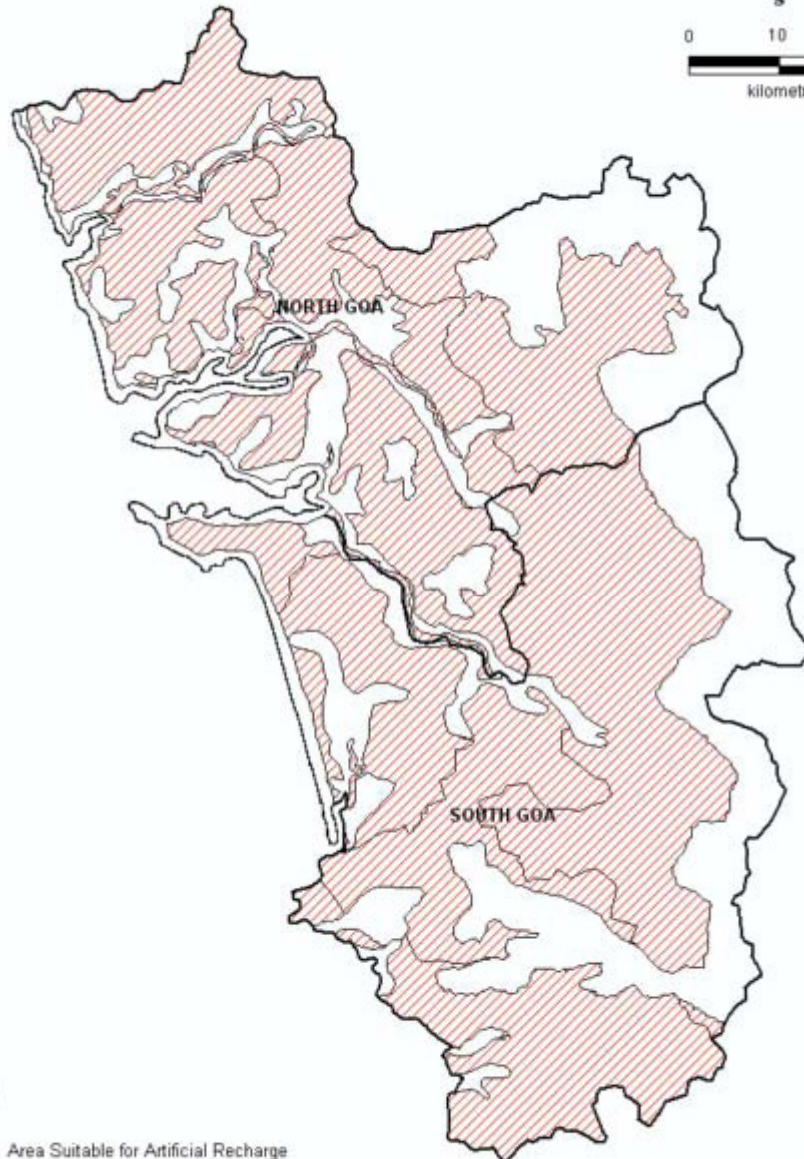
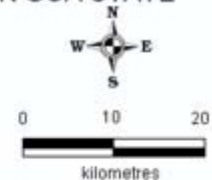
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 Area Suitable for Artificial Recharge



# AREA SUITABLE FOR ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, DELHI



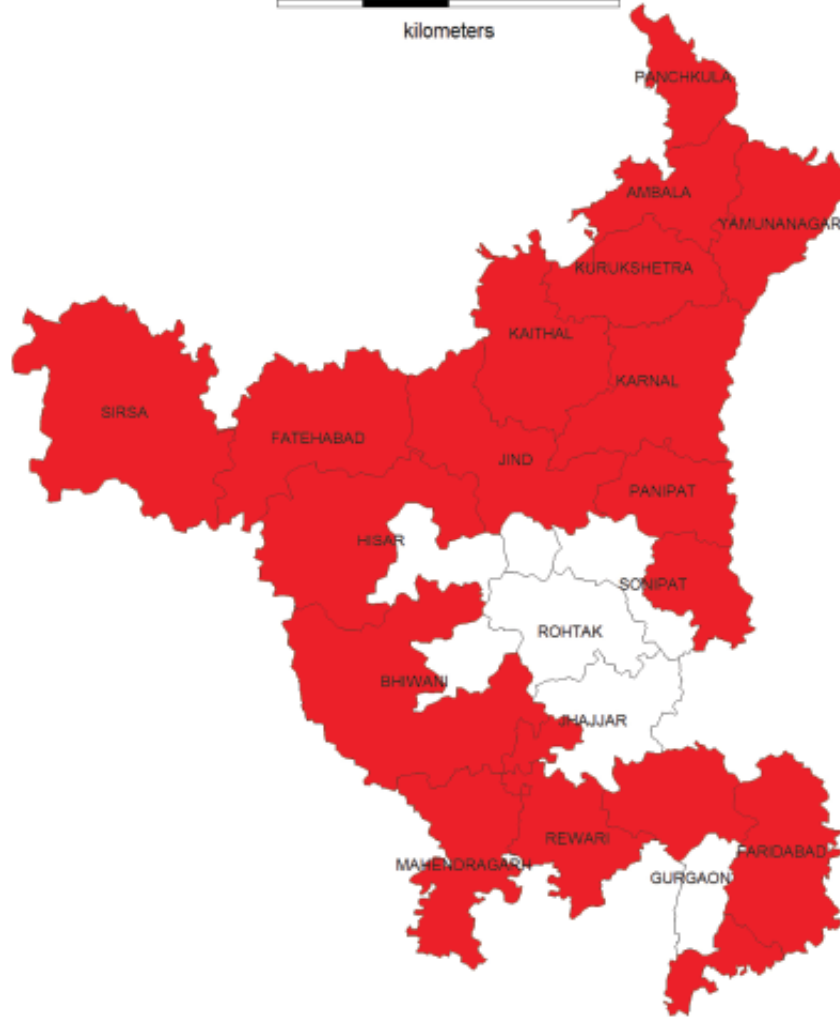
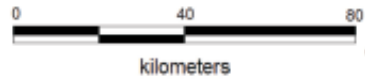
# AREA SUITABLE FOR ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE IN GOA STATE



## Legend

-  Area Suitable for Artificial Recharge
-  District boundary

# Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Haryana



## LEGEND

 Area Suitable for Artificial Recharge

# Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Jammu & Kashmir



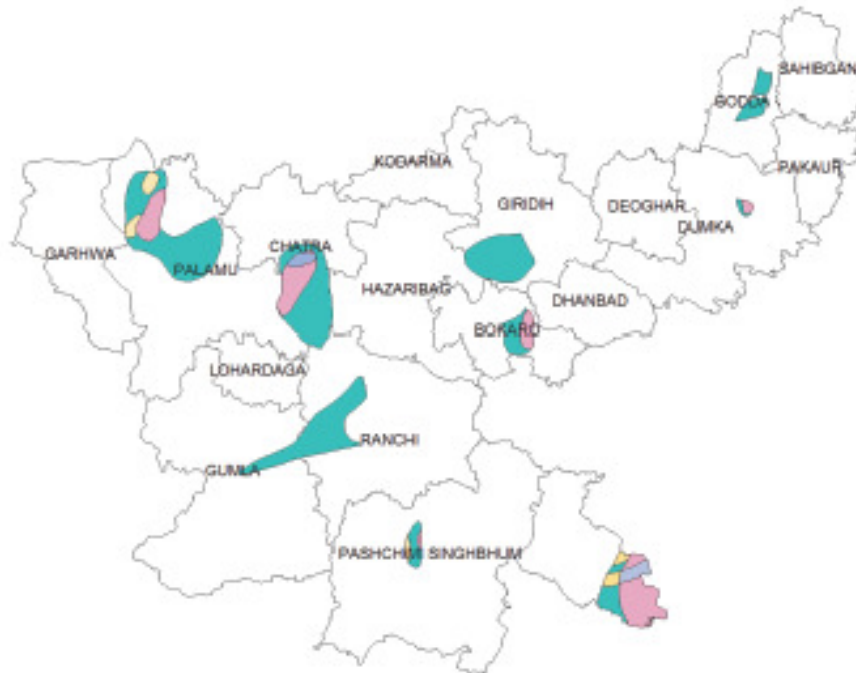
### Legend

- Area Suitable for Recharge
- Sirowal Formation
- Kandi Belt
- Low Hill Shivalik Range
- High Hill Range

## Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Jharkhand



0 20 40  
kilometers

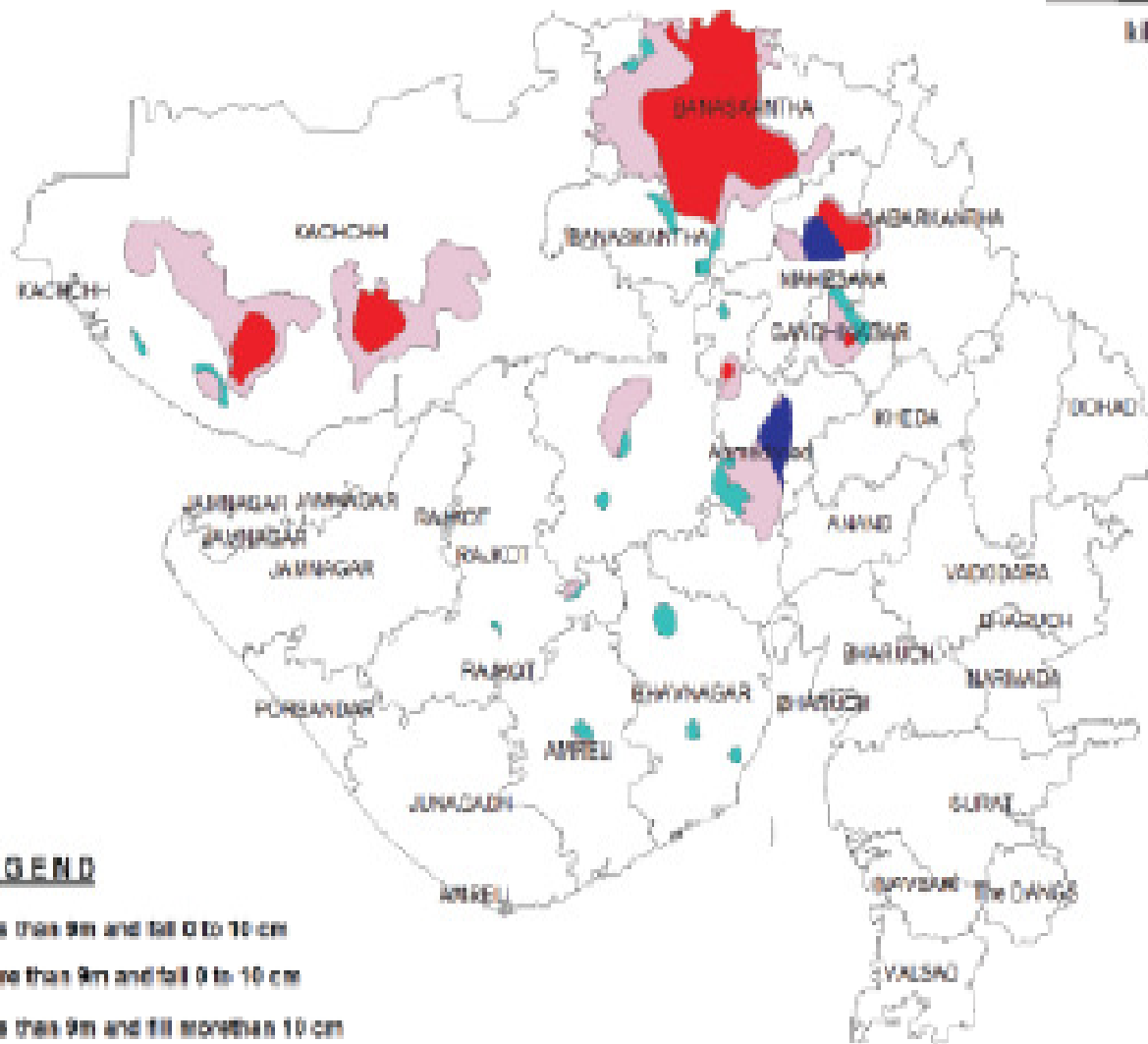


### LEGEND





- DTW level 5.7 mbgl having declining trend < 0.1 m/year
- DTW level 5.7 mbgl having declining trend > 0.1 m/year
- DTW level > 7 mbgl having declining trend < 0.1 m/year
- DTW level < 7 mbgl having declining trend > 0.1 m/year



## Areas Identified for Artificial Recharge in Gujarat



### LEGEND

-  DTW less than 9m and fall 0 to 10 cm
-  DTW more than 9m and fall 0 to 10 cm
-  DTW less than 9m and fall more than 10 cm
-  DTW more than 9m and fall more than 10 cm

# Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Karnataka

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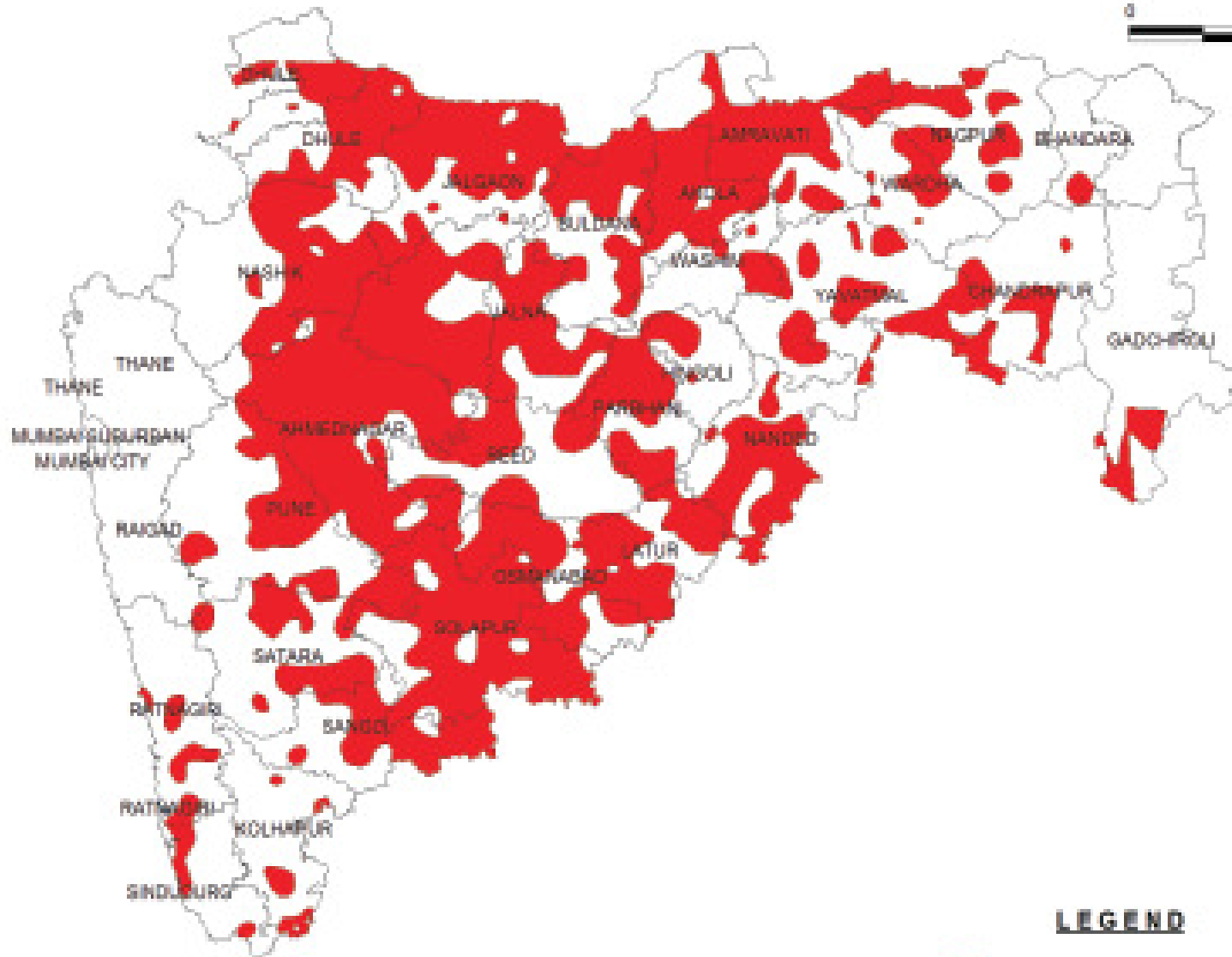
## LEGEND

- Area Suitable for Artificial Recharge
- Hilly Area

# Areas Identified for Artificial Recharge in Maharashtra



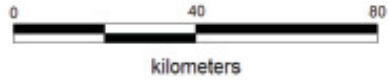
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## LEGEND

 Area Identified for Artificial Recharge

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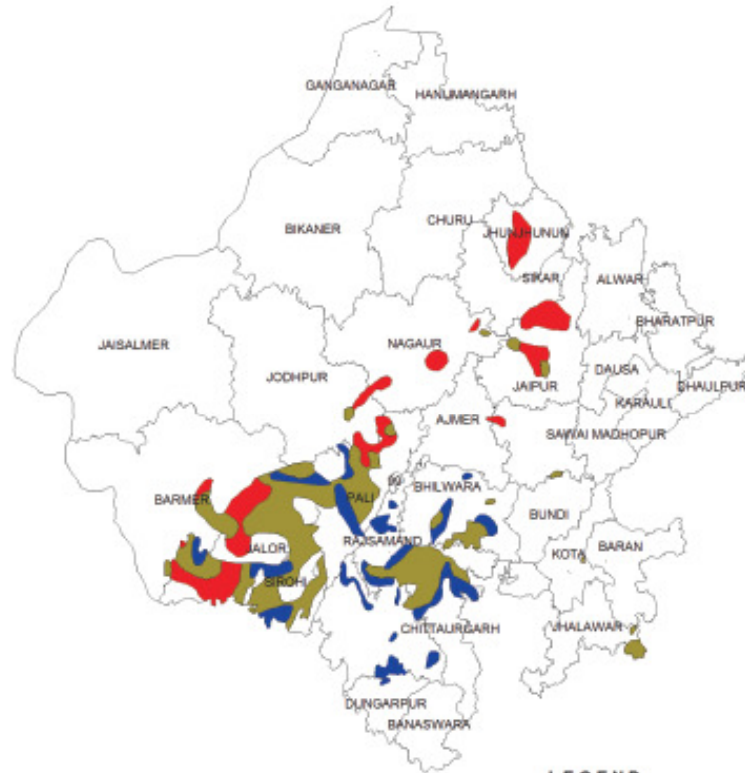


## LEGEND

 Area Suitable for Artificial Recharge

# Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Rajasthan

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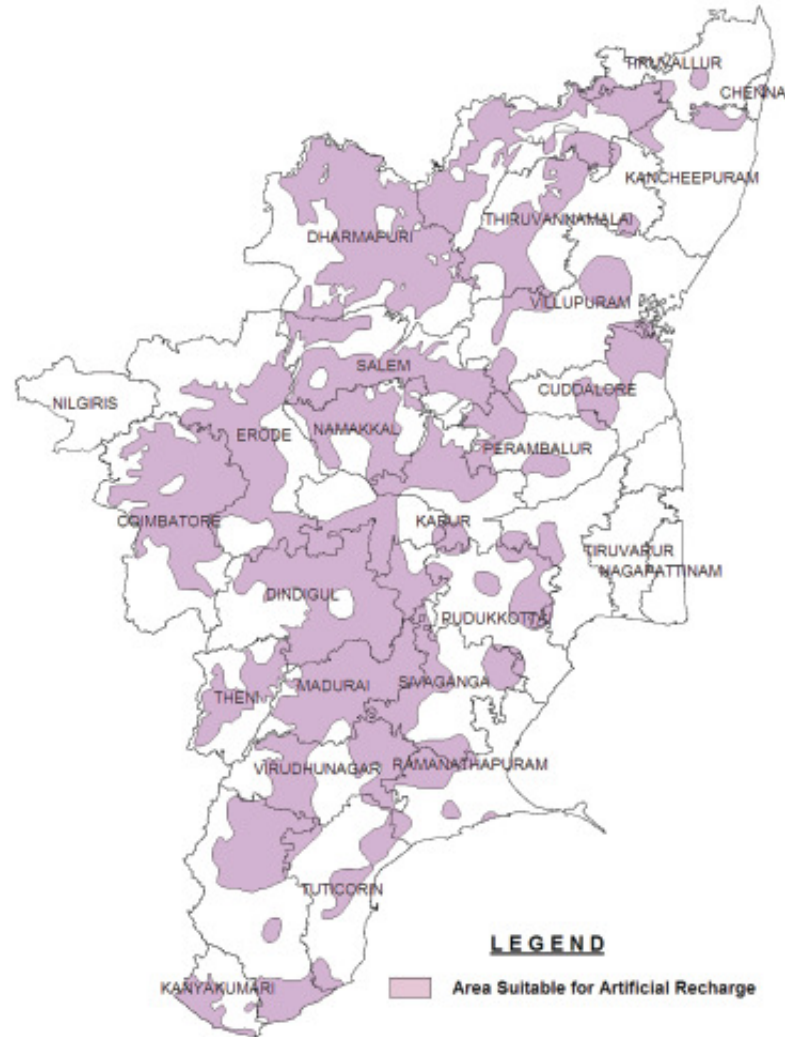


## LEGEND

- Area Showing Declining Trend (>0.2m/year) and Water level between 3 & 9 mbgl
- Area Showing Declining Trend (> 0.1 m/year) and Water level Between 9 & 20 mbgl
- Water level more than 20 mbgl (Excluding the area showing rising trend)

# Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Tamil Nadu

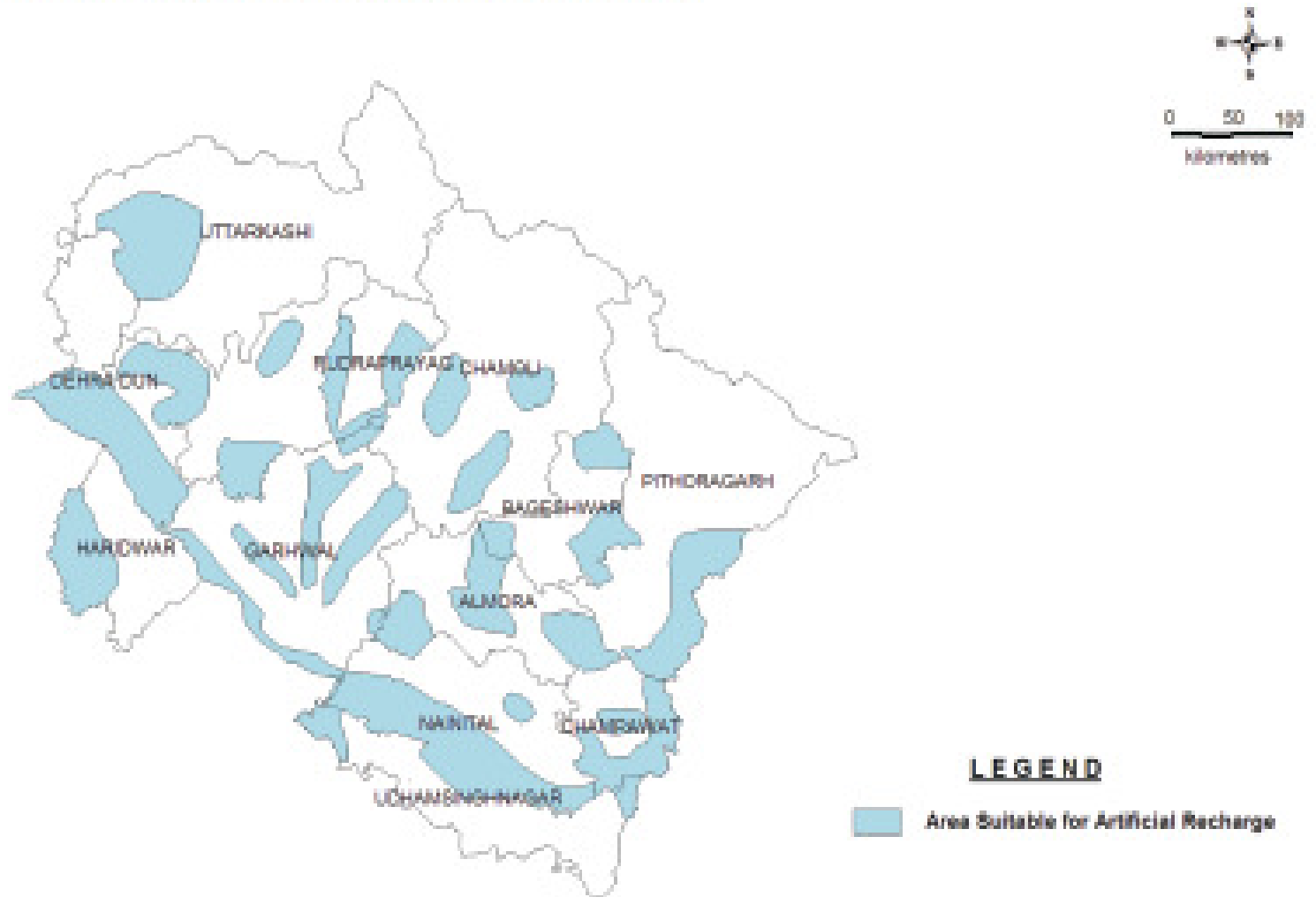
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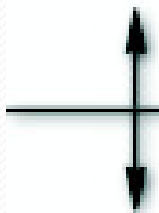
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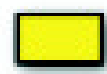
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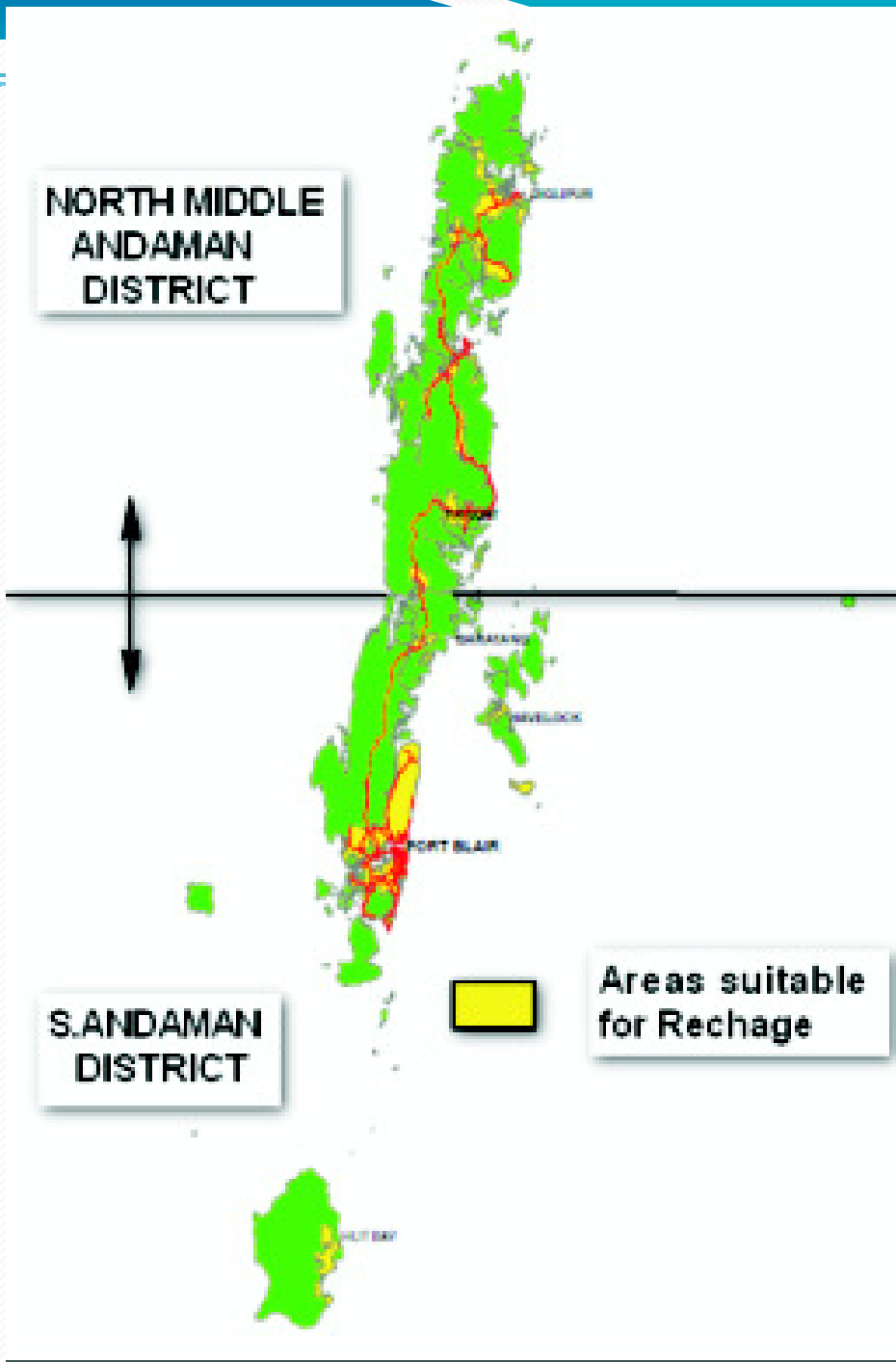
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DISTRICT**



**S. ANDAMAN  
DISTRICT**



**Areas suitable  
for Recharge**

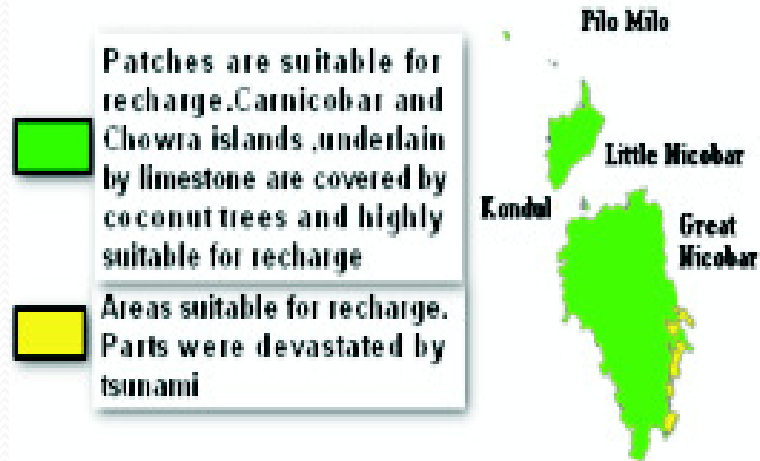
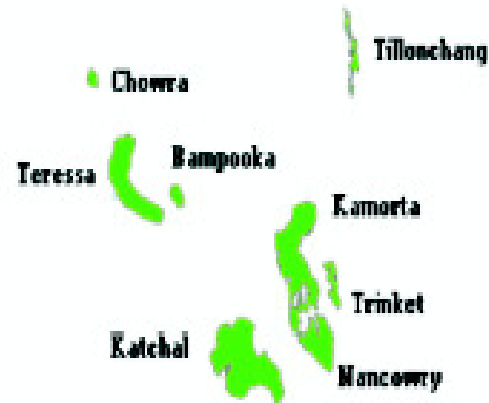






Car Nicobar

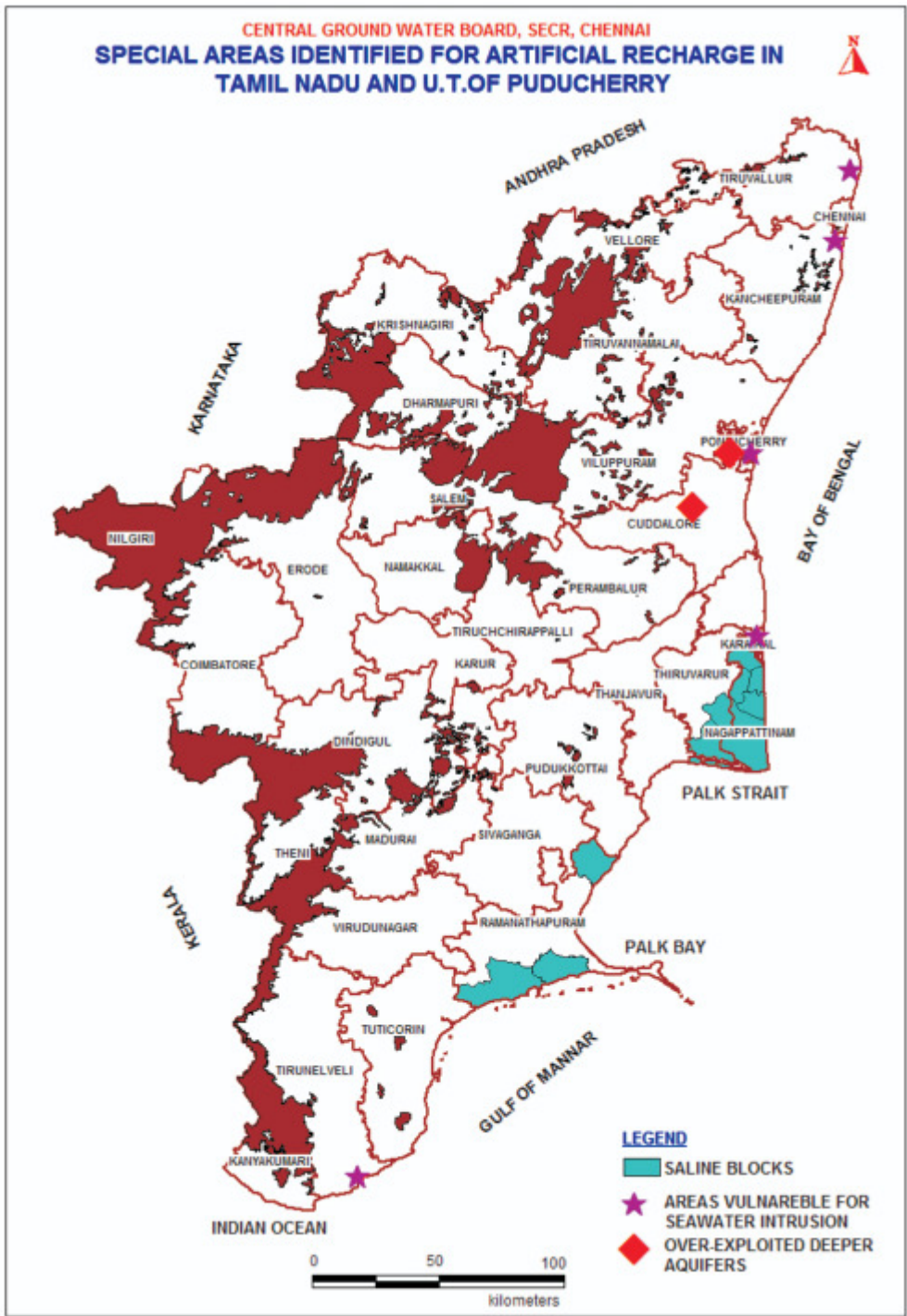
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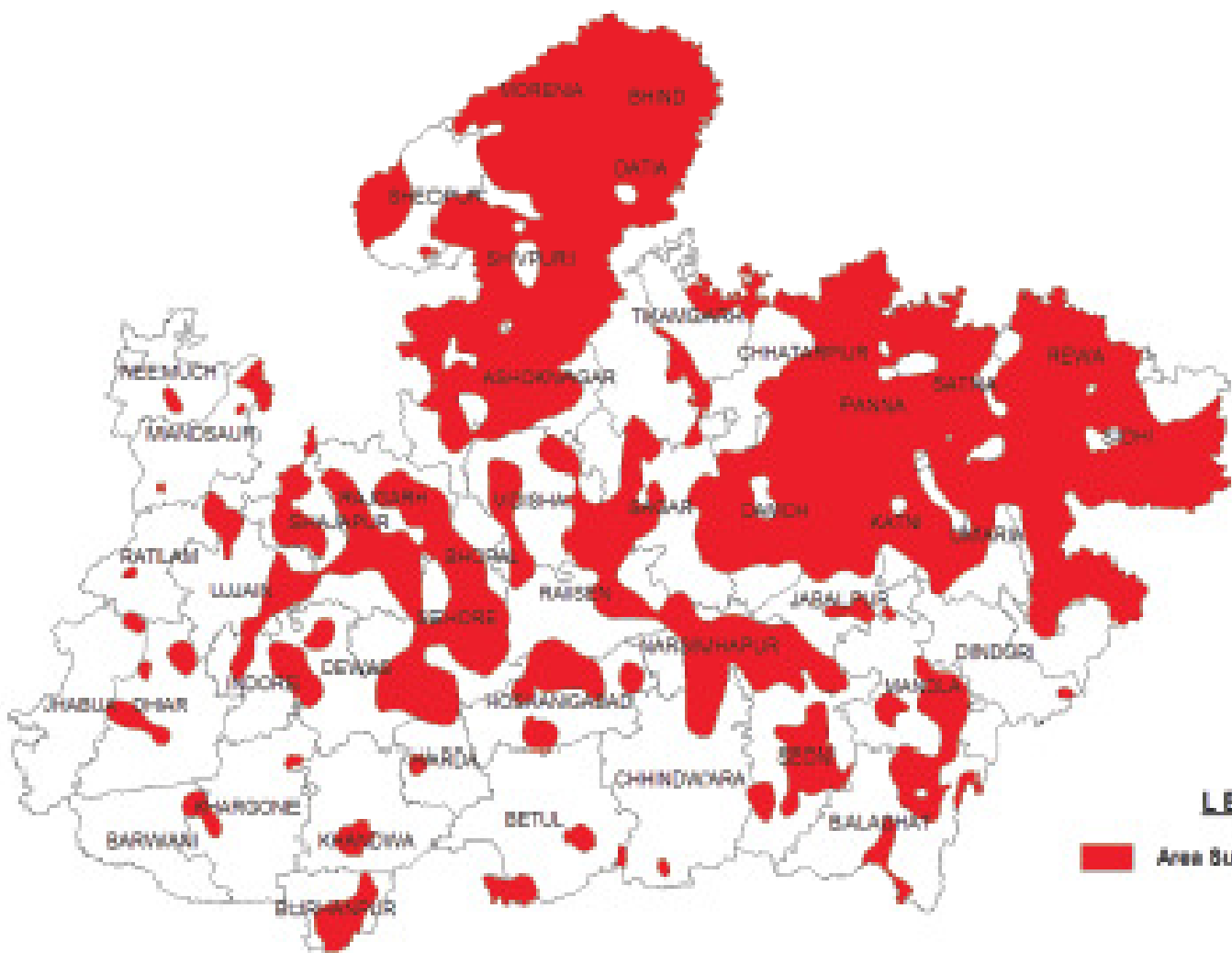
Patches are suitable for recharge. Carnicobar and Chowra islands, underlain by limestone are covered by coconut trees and highly suitable for recharge

Areas suitable for recharge. Parts were devastated by tsunami

CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD, SECR, CHENNAI  
**SPECIAL AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE IN  
 TAMIL NADU AND U.T. OF PUDUCHERRY**



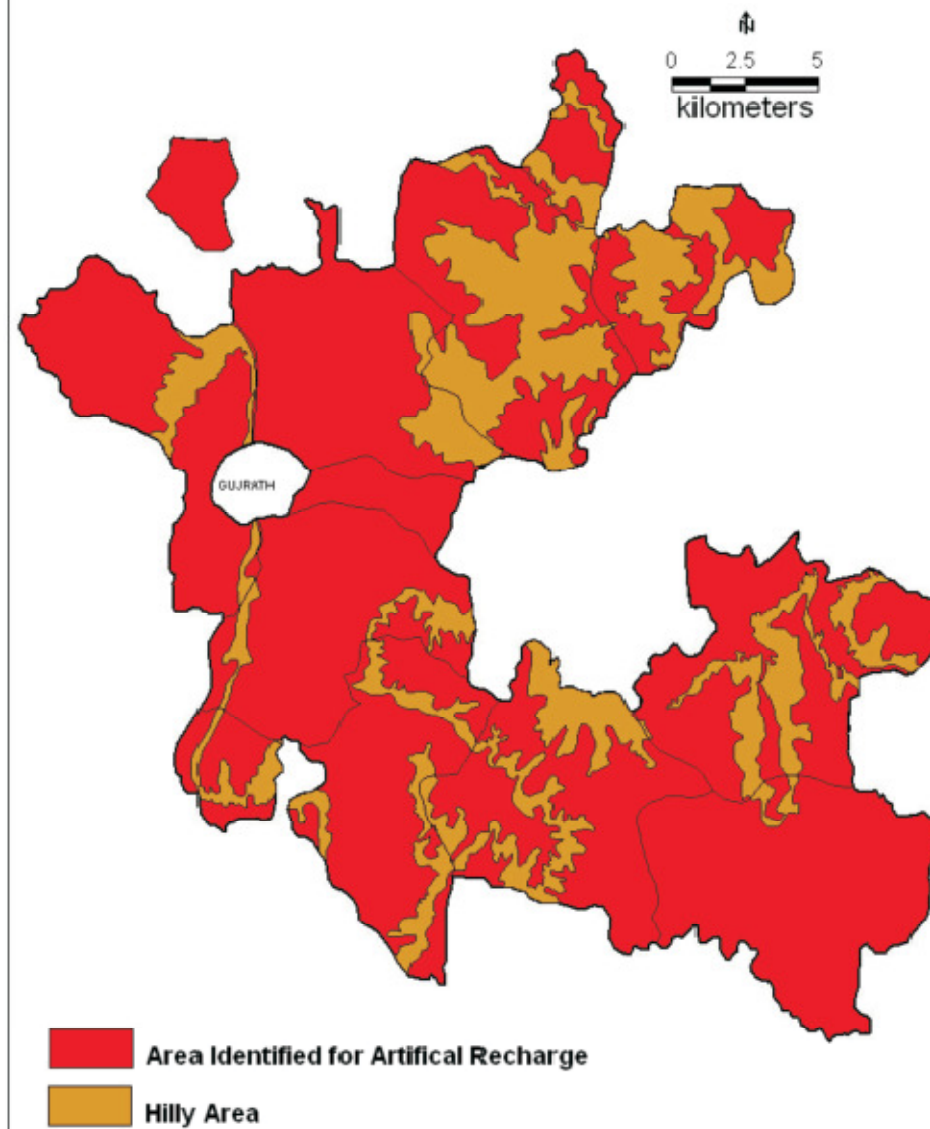
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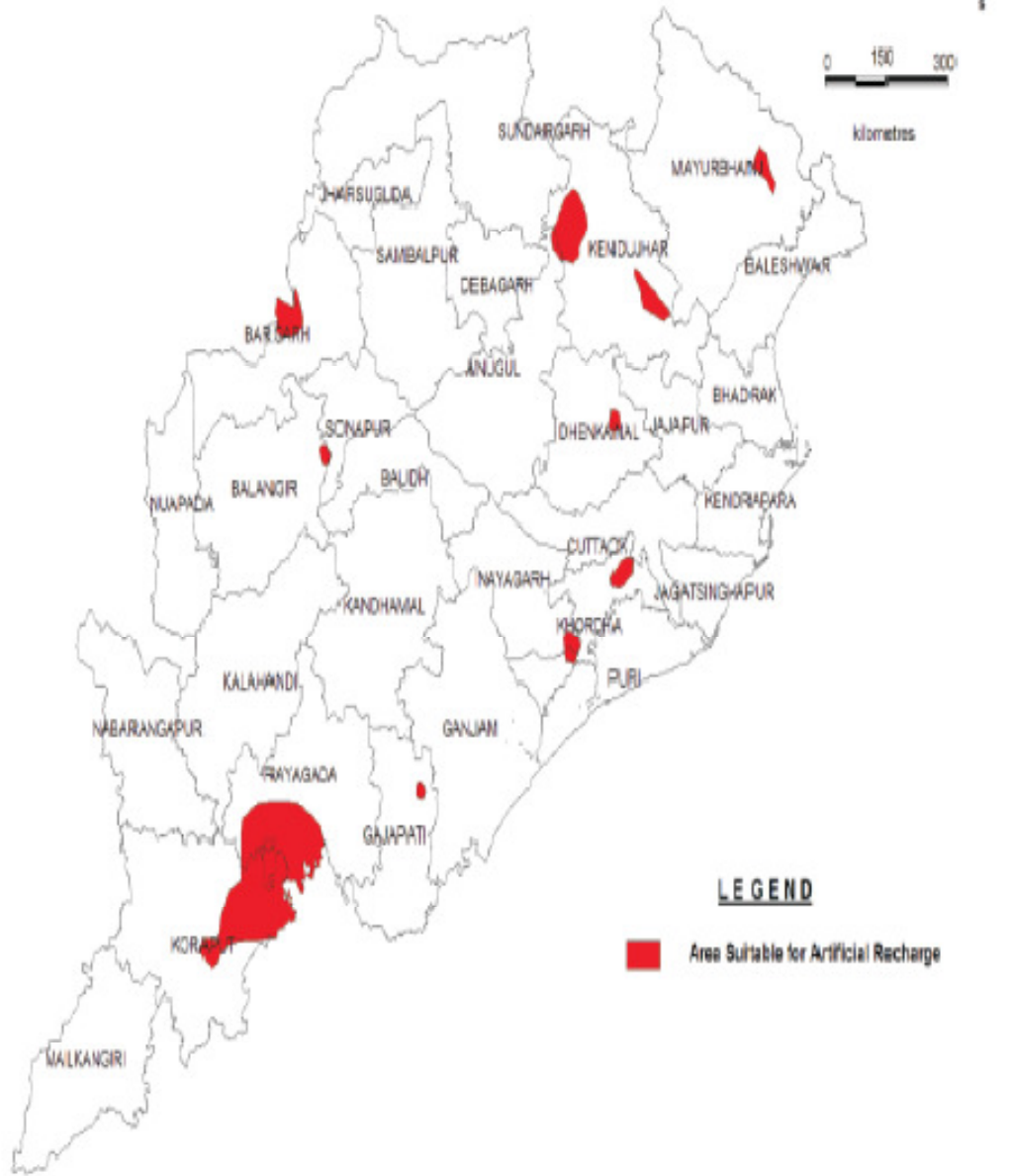
### LEGEND

 Area Suitable for Artificial Recharge

**Area Identified for Artificial Recharge to Ground Water,  
U/T of Dadra and Nagar, Haveli**



## Areas identified for Artificial Recharge in Odisha



# MASTER PLAN FOR MAR IN INDIA

- Area identified for MAR = 941541 km<sup>2</sup>
- Volume to be recharged = 85565 MCM
- No. of structures proposed = 110.82 Lkh  
(Rural = 22.83 Lkh.; Urban = 87.99 Lkh.)
- Estimated Cost = 79178 Crores  
(Rural = 61192 Cr.; Urban = 17986 Cr.)

# MOST RECHARGE STRUCTURES

Type of Structures	No. of Structures	Total Cost (Rs.)
Check Dam	2,90,577	13457.09
Gabion	1,55,394	407.22
Gully Plug	6,26,229	1282.40
Injection Well	16,235	449.16
Nala Bund	4,09,446	1113.28
Percolation Tank	84,925	17225.42
Recharge Shaft	5,90,714	15541.43
Subsurface Dyke	8281	329.46
Spring Development	2950	186.50
Contour Bund	1,08,438	2236.70
Roof Top Rainwater Harvesting	87,66,594	16266.14
Others	23,172	683.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,10,82,955</b>	<b>79177.80</b>



# ROAD MAP OF IMPLEMENTATION

- Watershed Development.
- Bharat Nirman.
- Irrigated Agriculture Modernization, Water Bodies Restoration and Management Project (IAMWARM).
- Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP).
- National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA).
- NABARD assisted Rainwater Harvesting Programme for augmentation of ground water recharge.





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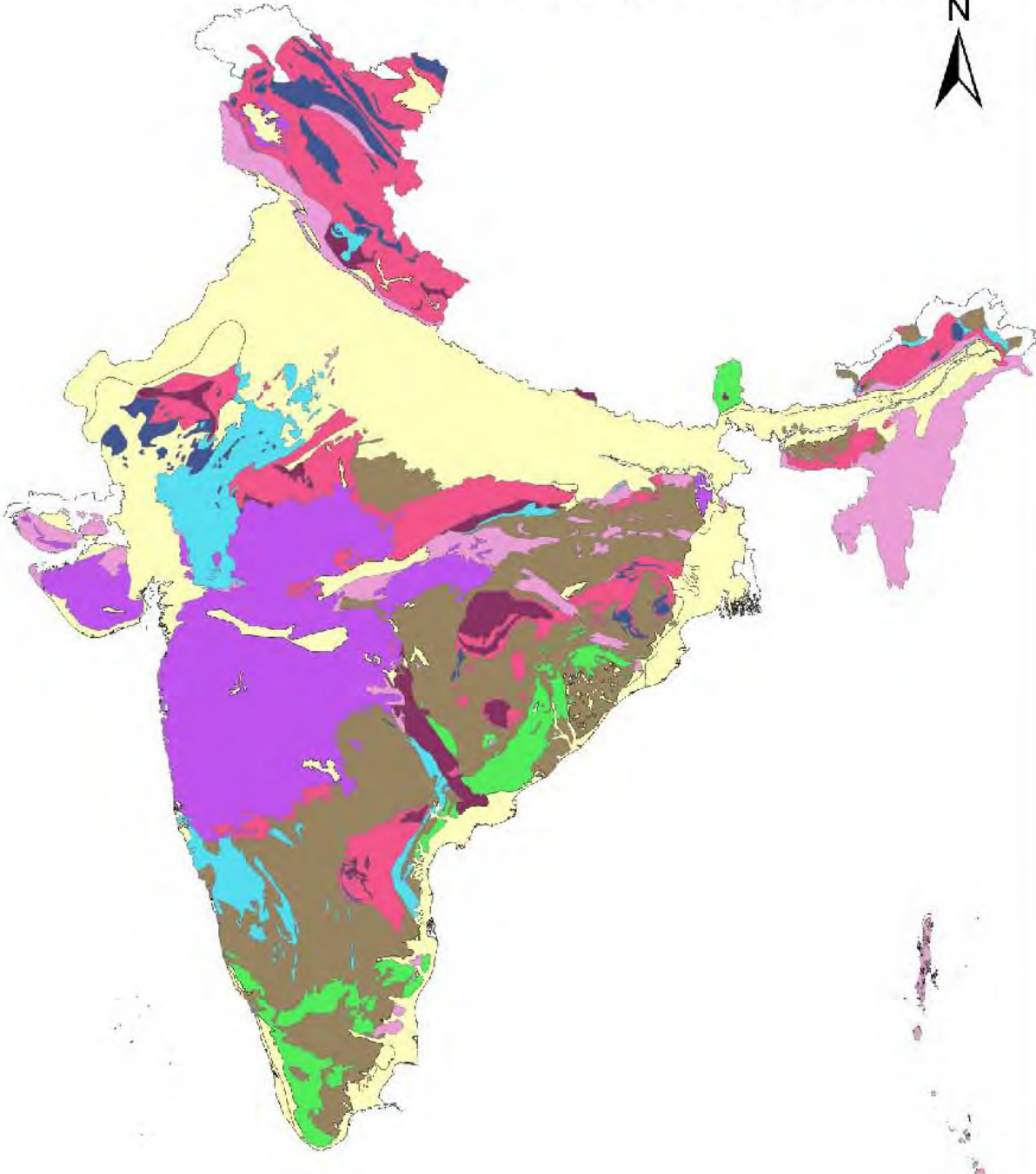
- Rehabilitation of Tanks identified by MLAs.
- Command Area Development & Water Management Programme.
- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGA).
- Water conservation in reserved forest area.
- Dugwell Recharge Programme by NABARD and State agencies in seven States.
- Local Area Development Programme of MPs and MLAs.












# GOVERNING FACTORS

- Local situation.
- Type of aquifer.
- Topography.
- Land use.
- Intended uses of the recovered water.

# Major Aquifer System



Age	Formation	Lithology	Color Code
Quaternary	Unconsolidated	Recent & old alluvial and aeolian (clay, silt, sand, pebble, gravel), Calcareous older alluvium (clay, silt, sand, pebble, gravel), laterite, lithomargic clay, ferruginous concretions	
Cenozoic, Mesozoic	Consolidated Effusive	Basalt with/without intertrappeans	
Cenozoic, Mesozoic, Upper Palaeozoic	Semi-Consolidated	Sandstone, shale, limestone & conglomerates	
Cenozoic, Proterozoic	Consolidated Intrusive	Granite, Ultramafics & Dolerite	
Cenozoic, Proterozoic	Sedimentary and Meta sedimentary	Shale. Quartzite. Slate. Sandstone. Phyllite. Schist	
Proterozoic	Sedimentary and Meta sedimentary	Limestone & Dolomite	
Proterozoic, Azoic	Meta Sedimentary	Schist, Phyllite, Slate, Gneiss, Marble	
Proterozoic, Azoic		Charnockite, Khondalite	
Azoic	Basal Crystalline	Granite-Gneiss Complex	



# ROCK TYPES IN INDIA

- 1. Porous rock formation
  - Unconsolidated formations.
  - Semi-consolidated formations
- 2. Hard rock/ consolidated formations
  - Igneous and metamorphic rocks (excluding volcanic and carbonate rocks)
  - Volcanic rocks
  - Carbonate rocks

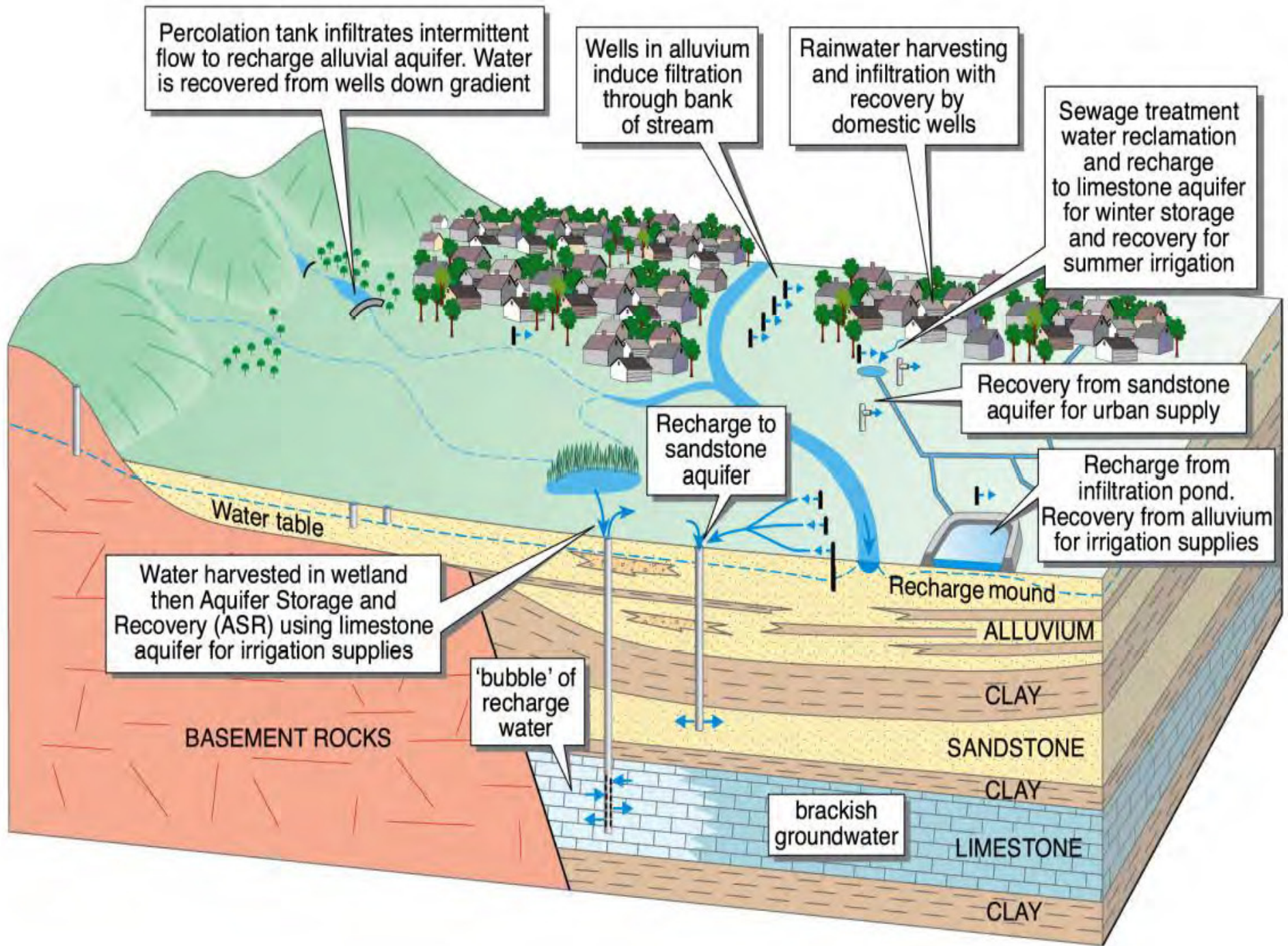


# Activity under XII Five Year Plan

Paradigm shift from  
“Ground Water Development”  
to  
“Ground Water Management”.  
through  
NATIONAL AQUIFER MAPPING  
(NAQUIM)

# NATIONAL AQUIFER MAPPING PROGRAMME (NAQUIM)

Aquifer mapping is a process wherein a combination of geologic, geophysical, hydrologic and chemical field and laboratory analyses are applied to characterize the quantity, quality and sustainability of ground water in aquifers.







# MAR TECHNIQUES

- **Direct Methods**
- **Indirect Methods**
- **Combination Methods**

# MAR TECHNIQUES: Direct Methods

- Surface Spreading Techniques
  - Flooding
  - Ditch and Furrows
  - Recharge Basins
  - Runoff Conservation Structures
    - Bench Terracing
    - Contour Bunds and Contour Trenches
    - Gully Plugs, *Nalah* Bunds, Check Dams
    - Percolation Tanks/Ponds
  - Stream Modification / Augmentation

# MAR TECHNIQUES: Direct Methods

- Sub-surface Techniques
  - Injection Wells (Recharge Wells)
  - Gravity Head Recharge Wells
  - Recharge Pits and Shafts



# MAR TECHNIQUES: Indirect Methods

- Induced Recharge from Surface Water Sources
- Aquifer Modification
  - Bore Blasting.
  - Hydro-fracturing.



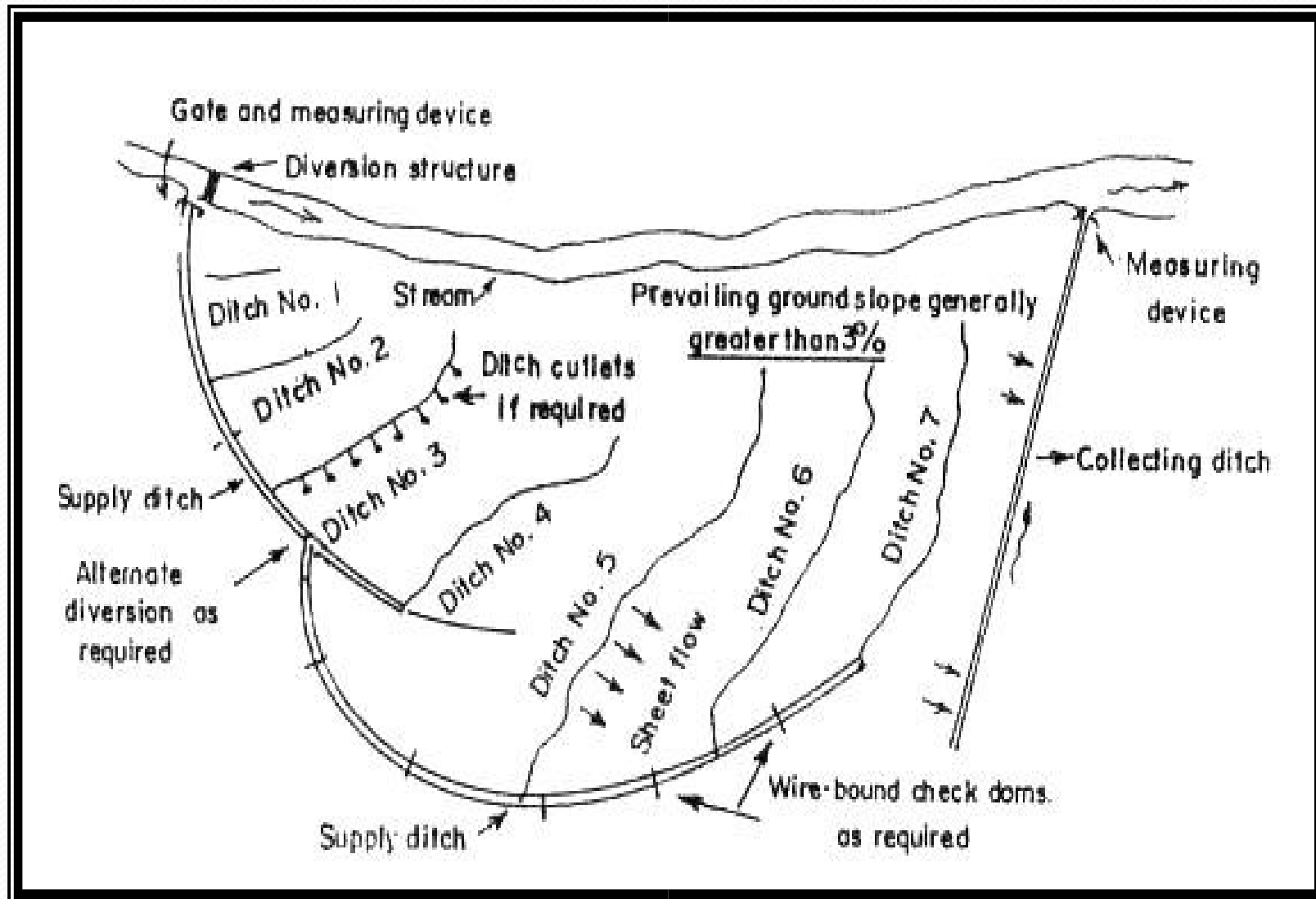
# MAR TECHNIQUES: Combination Methods

- Sub-surface dykes (Underground *Bandharas*)
- Fracture Sealing Cementation Techniques

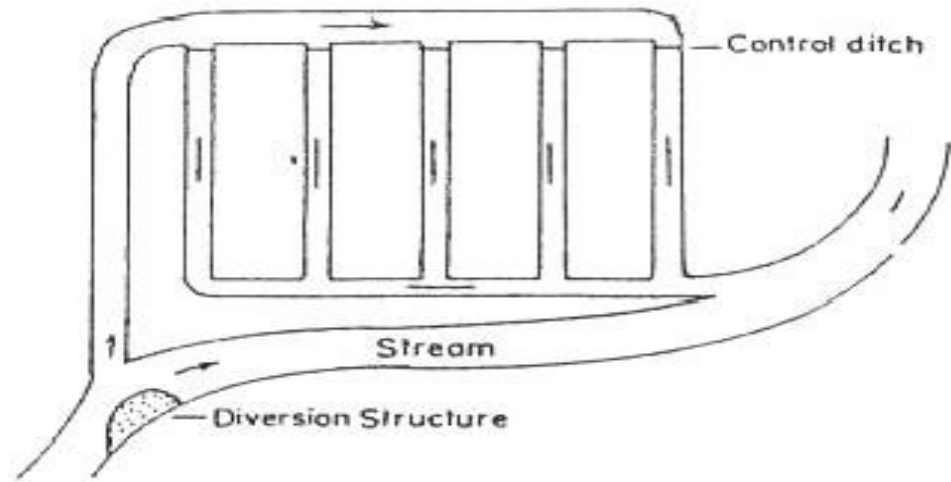
# Surface Spreading Techniques: FLOODING



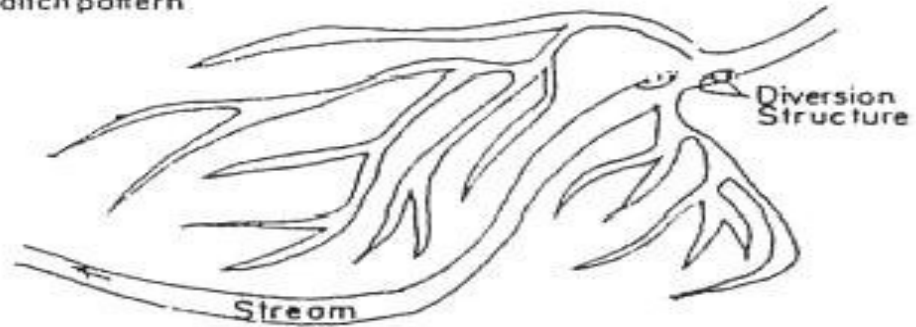
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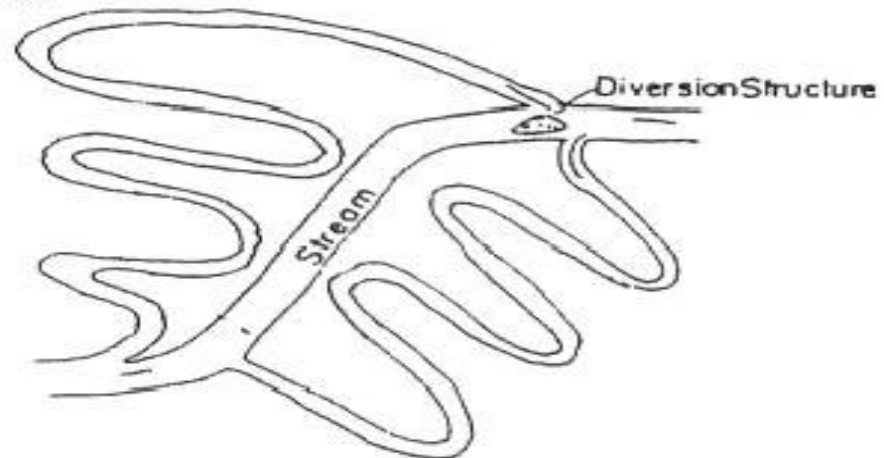
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B Dendritic ditch pattern

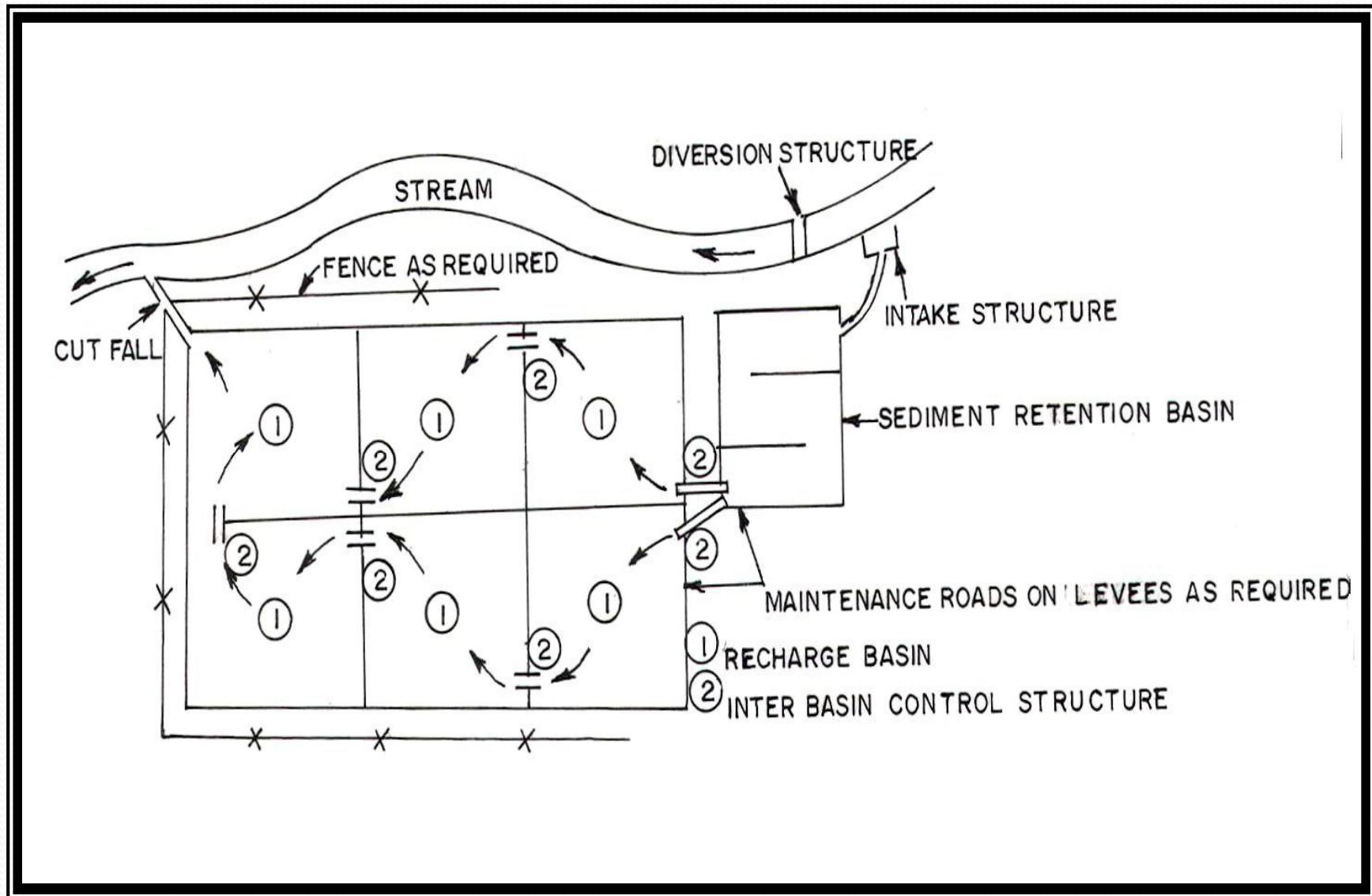


C Contour ditch pattern





# Surface Spreading Techniques: RECHARGE BASINS



# Runoff Conservation Structures: BENCH TERRACING

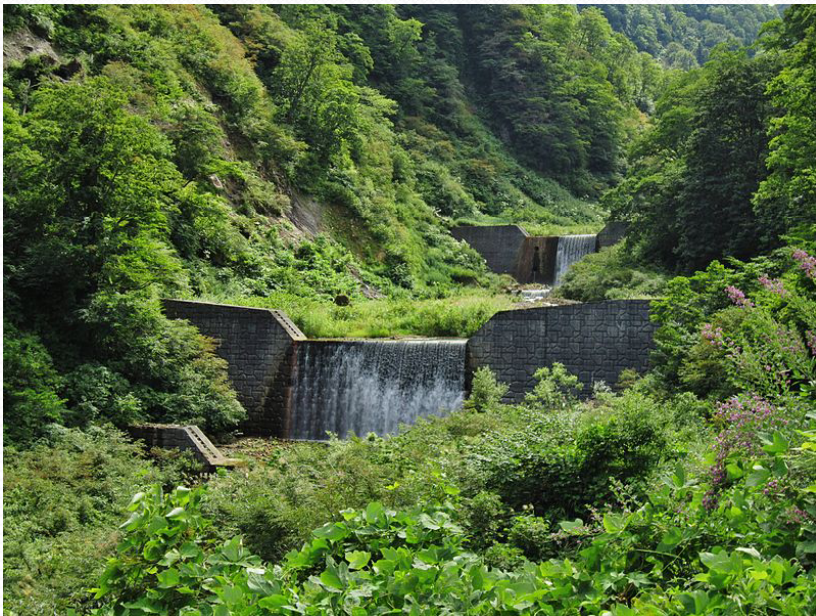


# Runoff Conservation Structures: CHECK DAM



Kudumboor across the Chandragiri River

# Runoff Conservation Structures: CHECK DAM



Concrete check dams



A steel check dam

# Runoff Conservation Structures: CHECK DAM, GULLY PLUG, *NALAH* BUND



2.1.1. Check Dam at Nangra, Langk, India  
for artificial recharging of ground water

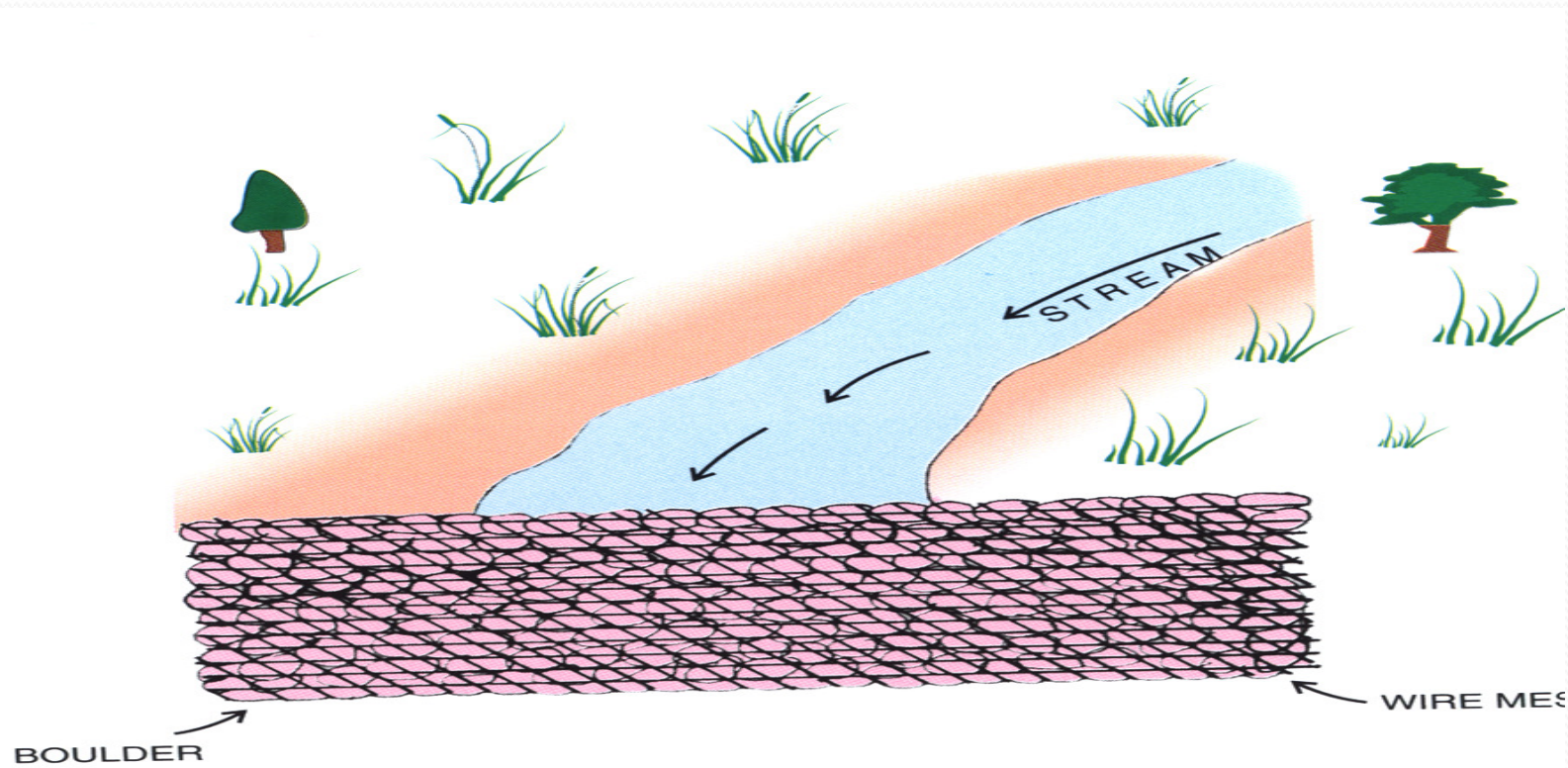
# Runoff Conservation Structures: A CEMENT PLUG



# Runoff Conservation Structures: NALA BUND



# Runoff Conservation Structures: A GABION

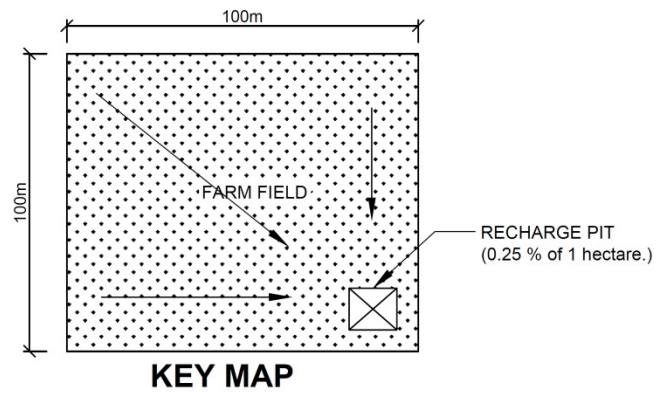
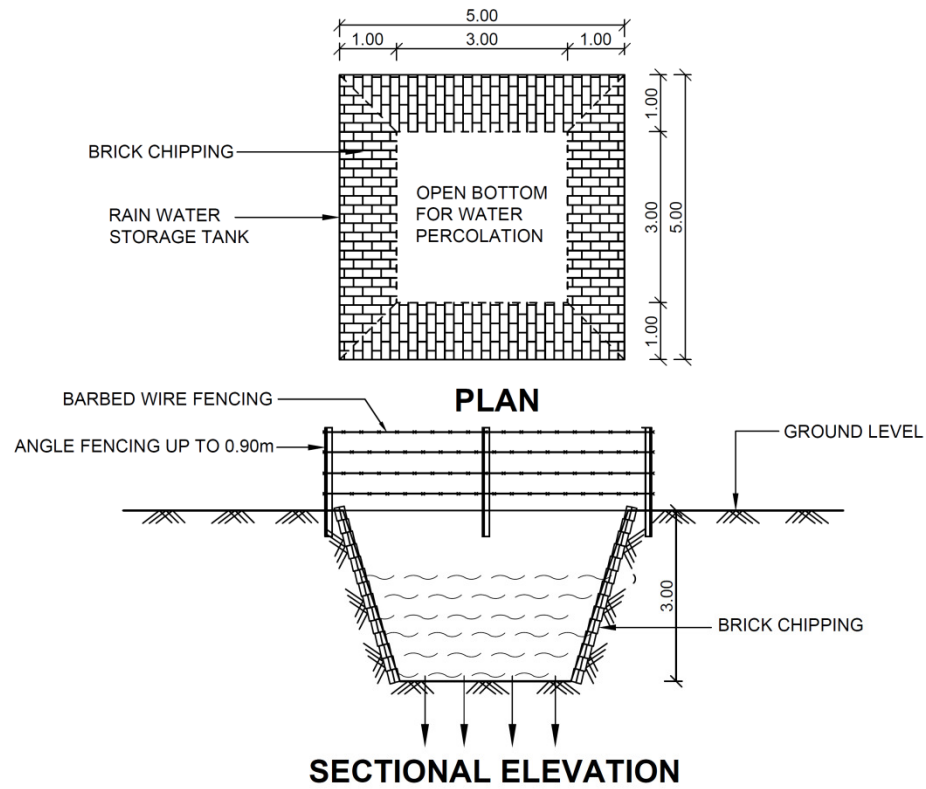




# Runoff Conservation Structures: PERCOLATION TANK



# TYPICAL DESIGN FOR RECHARGE PIT IN FARM





## CONCLUSIONS

- India's water situation is in precarious state, and needs immediate attention.
- The country offers enormous scope for managed aquifer recharge.
- It has varied hydrogeological set-up, and choice of any recharge structure depends on local situation.

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SAVE  
WATER



*“Don’t let the water run in the sink,  
our life is on the brink”*